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Beautiful Flowers and Delicious Vegetables

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Grown from Our Premium Plants and Seeds.



COLLECTION A.

Six Choice Everblooming Roses.

These Roses bloom continually in garden beds from the time their first buds open in May until frost. Most of them are noted for the size and beauty of their buds.

Empress Augusta Victoria. A peerless white garden Rose seldom without a profusion of large, waxen white flowers of great depth and fullness; the buds are long and pointed, opening into blossoms of a peculiarly elegant shape, with petals high in the center and somewhat recurved.

Helen Gould. One of the best new Roses for culture indoors or out, rivaling American Beauty in some respects. The flowers are large, full, fragrant, with lovely, pointed buds of warm rich rose.

Franciska Kruger. Very striking and effective for bedding, as it blooms freely all the time and has flowers of such a unique color—a deep, richly shaded coppery yellow. The long, tapering buds show this color at its brightest and are favorites for wearing; the open rose is semi-double, of good size and symmetrical.

Bridesmaid. More largely grown for cutting than any other Rose. Its heavy, elegant buds are of grand size and well presented on stiff stems. The color is a warm, tender shade of rich pink.

Clothilde Souper. The best little rose for garden or window culture yet introduced. The flowers are of medium size, very double and dainty in structure and coloring. The warm flesh pink of the centers shines through the pearl-white outer petals even in the chubby, clustered buds. Always covered with flowers.

Etville de Lyon. The only really successful and vigorous ever-blooming garden rose of its color—an attractive, unusual shade of lemon-yellow. The flowers are large, rich, full and fragrant, with exquisitely shaped and shaded buds.

Any or all of the collections below with the compliments of VICK'S MAGAZINE will be sent to you in return for your good will and a few moments spent in showing the magazine to your friends and in sending us their subscriptions. The plants are excellent stock from a reputable grower. The seeds are all the fresh crop, good strains, of high-germinating power. These **unusually Liberal Premiums** are offered in order that the circulation of VICK'S MAGAZINE may keep pace with the improvements announced on the opposite page and to make it in many new homes the household friend that for nearly thirty years it has been in thousands of older ones.

No Changes

can be made in the six collections offered. We are enabled to offer them so cheap only by having them put up for us in large quantities. They must be sent just as listed.

COLLECTION B.

Sweet Peas, Choice Mixed. From one or two seed packets may be grown a beautiful row of daintily bright and fragrant flowers. Our mixture will give flowers in new and delicate shades of pink, blue, lavender, and rose, also pure white. The most graceful of all flowers for cutting.

Alyssum, Sweet. A low attractive little edging plant, with delicate sprays of small, honey-scented white flowers. Much used for window boxes and for cutting.

Poppies, Double Mixed. This is an annual strain that blooms quickly from seed, presenting a delightful variety of silken, fluffy, brilliant or delicately tinted flowers.

Portulaca. Where all other flowers fail in dry, hot dry weather, this may be sown with the assurance that it will succeed. A bed of it is a perfect rainbow of bright colors on sunny mornings.

Marigold, Mixed. These show many glittering tints of yellow, pure in some flowers, in others shaded or ringed with red-brown. Even under unfavorable conditions their thick bushy tops are fairly hidden by flowers until after frost.

Phlox, Drummond's. The brilliant "flame-flower" found so rich and effective in summer bedding. The plant is of low, spreading habit, producing clustered flowers of every imaginable color all summer.

COLLECTION D.

Asparagus, Mammoth White. Fine white shoots of this may be grown for the table the second season from the seeding. One of the very earliest spring vegetables, easily forced in winter.

Bean, Stringless Green Pod. The housekeepers' favorite because it yields such large crops of tender stringless green pods. A choice new sort.

Lettuce, Big Boston. A delicious large-heading sort, excellent for forcing in frames as well as for out door culture.

Cucumber, Early Russian. A medium fruited, early, tender, green sort, with fruit just the right size and shape for pickling. Yields heavily.

Muskmelon, Nettle Gem or Rocky Ford. The well-known desirable sort with thick, green, sweet and luscious flesh.

Tomato, Earliana. The earliest and best large, smooth, red tomato. The plants yield abundant crops of thick, meaty, well-flavored fruit.

COLLECTION E.

Cabbage, Danish Bald Head. A very hardy, solid heading, and long-keeping sort of fine quality.

Radish, Early Scarlet White Tipped. A crisp, fleshed, quick growing variety, with round, beautifully colored roots of good flavor and inviting appearance.

Celery, Golden Self Blanching. By far the best sort for home gardens as the center of the plant is naturally white, crisp and nutty.

Sweet Corn, Stowell's Evergreen. Remains tender and delightful for table use, much longer than the earlier sorts, and has ears of larger size.

Watermelon, Sweetheart. As fine for eating as it is for shipping. Well named, for the heavy, mottled melon has a thick, bright red heart of tender, melting flesh.

Squash, Hubbard. The best keeping winter variety, has rich, sweet-flavored, bright orange flesh.



COLLECTION G.

Eggplant, Large Purple. This delicious vegetable is appreciated more each year as people learn how to cook it properly and how easy it is to grow.

Onion, Yellow Prizetaker. The handsome yellow onion kept on many fruit stands. The mild tender flesh makes it a favorite for slicing.

Pepper, Large Bell. The best sort for salads, pickles and "mangoes." Has large fruits and thick mild flesh, when green.

Morning Glories, Japanese. These have been so greatly in demand of late years that the seed stores have been unable to supply the demands. To all the grace of the old morning glory they add an extravagant luxuriance of growth, leaves oddly blotched with yellow or silver; and quite large flowers of unusual colors, shadings and markings.

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Four-o'clocks. Old-time flowers of white, pink, rose and yellow, some blossoms showing all these colors. The plants make vigorous, permanent bushes, and open a multitude of fragrant flowers in the evening.

Nasturtiums, Tall. The climbing nasturtiums bloom as freely as the dwarf varieties, covering fences or walls all summer with a gay riot of flaming flowers.

Larkspurs, Annual. The beautiful Dwarf Rocket varieties that produce long spikes of double white, pink, rose and blue flowers in spring. The foliage is delicate and plume-like.

Sweet William. These are among the first flowers to open their gay clusters in the spring. They are much loved, not only for their rich and effective flower-masses, but for their vigor, ease of culture and old associations.

COLLECTION F.

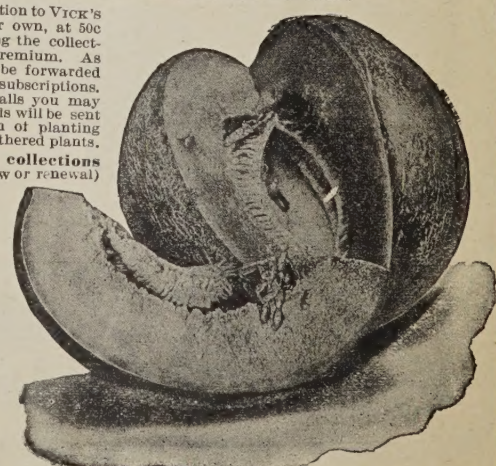
Salsify, Vegetable Oyster. The long, tender white roots may be cooked in a number of ways to resemble oysters in flavor and aroma.

Turnip, Strap-leaved Purple Top. The best sort for table use; earliest and easiest to grow.

Tomato, Trophy. Produces very large, solid, smooth, fine-flavored fruits of a beautiful rich red. A good midseason sort to follow Earliana.

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for the subscription price. The goodwill of our subscribers and their increased enthusiasm for their favorite magazine will doubtless carry it permanently into many new homes, in view of which we make some liberal premium offers on the opposite page.

Many commendatory letters have been received since the February number was published and in answer to its invitation for suggestions as to what would most please our readers some good ones have been made and adopted. We hope that the voting will go merrily on. The magazine will give further "returns" from it in the months to follow.

GOOD STORIES—BOTH SHORT AND SERIAL

For these there has been a continual demand to which we make this month a prompt and cordial response. Three new serial stories begin this month—all capital ones.

A TANGLED WEB

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AT THE MAST

the new sea story for boys begun in this number, will be of special interest to them since the recent developments at West Point and Annapolis, centering the attention of wide-awake boys everywhere on our nautical affairs. The author, Rev. C. Q. Wright, is chaplain in the

United States Navy, and has a wide knowledge of boy-life on the sea as well as warm sympathy for all the lads who go down to it in ships.

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ARTICLES OF GENERAL INTEREST

on subjects both grave and gay, will be continued through the year, our aim being to present such a variety and from such different view points as will certainly include subjects of importance to people of all ages and occupations.

CURRENT EVENTS

will be followed with the editorial comment when of sufficient importance to warrant it, and within the field of the magazine.

NATURE STUDIES

for the younger readers will also help them to see all the interesting things in forest, field and meadow from month to month.

BRIGHT AND PRACTICAL DEPARTMENTS

covering all the more important interests of our readers will be continued as an important feature of the magazine, with such changes and additions as the interest of our readers may warrant.

NEW IDEAS

or Clever Ways of Doing Things, is one in which they take wonderful interest, and brings us a multitude of letters every month. Our subscribers evidently delight in sharing their good ideas or inventions with each other, and we shall present each month enough to keep the magazine fairly scintillating.

GARDENING

topics on which Vick's Magazine has always been a recognized authority, will be given the usual amount of space, and be conducted by Miss Greenlee, Mr. Morse and other best writers in this field.

HOME DRESSMAKING HINTS

will give our readers the benefit of good patterns and original designs. To these will be added practical lessons in home dressmaking and plain sewing, carefully illustrated.

GIRLS AFFAIRS

A new department to begin next month

THE APRIL NUMBER

will give especial space to general house cleaning and housekeeping, concerning which we hope to receive many good ideas from our subscribers this month.

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Of course I knew about the garden hand-cultivators, the Planet Jr., the Iron Age and all the rest, but I doubted their efficiency on my stony ground. "If I had a soil of river loam," said I, "I would have something of the sort."

But my garden, while not really what the natives call stony, is "hill land"—a pretty high summit at that—and a good many of you know what that means: flat stones and angular bits from the bed-rock diffused all through the soil, and a subsoil of hard yellow clay.

Down in the main valleys are benches of glacial gravel, where the soil may be mostly, or entirely, made up of rounded pebbles from Canada; but, with me, these round stones are not numerous. Years ago I split sandstone rocks with wedges for my garden field, hauled away the fragments. More or less "field stone" went also into cellar or well wall lately. Stones are picked up to be rid of them and pyramids arise along the margins of fields. As these are hauled away in time for filling, etc., other pyramids rise in their places, and yet I cannot hit the ground with a hoe without striking a stone, generally more than one. It is little wonder that some imagine stones to be growing all the time in the soil. But this year I invested three dollars in a garden cultivator and what makes me the maddest is that I did not know enough to do it before. Years ago farmers hoed corn and potatoes from morn till night and thought nothing of it, but now it is all checkrows and horse-hoes and riding cultivators. The hoe is lost in the grass and nothing will make the average farmer doubt that life is worth living sooner than to hoe in the garden,—in fact he won't do it to any extent. If he goes so far as to plant a garden he is apt to neglect it. The women of the farm often do what they can, but a woman is no great affair in the ordinary weed patch called a garden.

The universal dissemination of these neat wheel-hoe tools, the name is perhaps no great matter, Mathews, Iron Age, or what not, all are good,—would do more for gardening than all the efforts of the rural press. My plot intended for winter cabbage had been plowed, manured and dragged, but the plants were not yet ready to set and the barn grass was greening all over it. In a few days there would have been a pretty good sod. It would have been a tough job to hoe it all over. Other crops planted all round it made it difficult to approach with horses and last year I would have hoed it. But now I put on a triangular share four inches wide above and running down to a long, sharp curving point and the grass is soon plowed in. To drill peas, corn, beans, or the like, this share will open the drill and, after the seed is in, the earth can be plowed in over it. After a rain the crust may be broken; in short, one man can make more garden with a wheel-hoe than half a dozen men can make with hoes. My hoe has five tools: a little plow, a rake a foot long with eight tines, a narrow cultivator tooth, a wide scuffle that shaves the earth and this long triangle. A light steel wheel, with wire spokes two feet in diameter makes it push more easily than some others that have lower wheels, and if I, on my hard soil where the hoe clicks and jingles from morning till night, can use it the rest of you can.

With the Catalogues

"Great Crops of Strawberries and How to Grow Them" is the title of a handsome 64-page book just received from the R. M. Kellogg Co., of Three Rivers, Mich. On every page is a picture of a strawberry or photo-engraving of a scene indicating the result of proper cultural methods in strawberry production. Illustrations of convenient devices and tools for making work easy in the strawberry field also appear. The book tells you just what and how and when to do every thing from the time the plants are set until the berries are marketed, and how to handle the plants to make them pro-

duce larger crops the second year than they did the first. It also teaches you how to improve plants by selection. So great a flood of correspondence concerning the strawberry culture pours in upon the company that they will soon begin the publication of a monthly illustrated magazine called "The Strawberry," in connection with a Correspondence School of Strawberry Culture, which will be most helpful to all who grow this delightful fruit. Send for a copy as the book is free to readers who mention this notice in Vick's Magazine.

The J. T. Lovett Co., Little Silver, N. J., include in their catalogue instructions for growing plants and trees which will be quite helpful to inexperienced planters, and likely to keep the book on their tables for ready reference. This firm has 250 acres planted in berries which have been their specialty for thirty years.

The George H. Mellen Co., Springfield, Ohio, illustrate many fruits and flowers, as well as seeds and bulbs of favorite sorts, in their new catalogue. Roses and tender house-plants are their specialty, the Baby Rambler being given a place on the cover. Many choice collections of

Ripe Tomatoes in June

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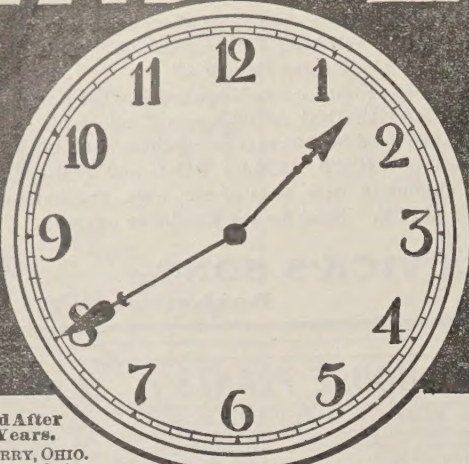
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But it is an economy, which like all other economies, must have all of its workings in PERFECT HARMONY, and is of little value when there is a great leak somewhere, when there is a DRAIN which unnaturally depletes the resources and allows of no accumulation. It is an economy whose usefulness is impaired when there is an organ in some portion of the body which refuses to perform its share of the work and does not properly co-operate in the great natural mechanism which so ably controls life, health and all vital energy.

It is when this condition presents itself, when nature, by some abnormal manifestation, is proclaiming HER NEED OF ASSISTANCE, that Vitæ-Ore steps into the breach as a MOST EFFECTIVE AID TO NATURE, to assist her in her work of recuperation, to whip any recreant force and organ into line, to provide nature with the materials which she demands and the tools she needs in her reconstructive work. WITH SUCH AID THE CURE EASILY AND SPEEDILY BECOMES A FACT. Bruise the skin on any part of the body, and nature immediately starts her healing process, as all know, but if the blood is poor, the vitality low, if the proper materials for nature's work are not in the body, the wound heals slowly, complications may ensue—HELP NATURE AND THE WORK IS ACCOMPLISHED.

Give the stone mason his trowel and mortar, but if the stone be not there he is powerless to build, his hands are tied and he accomplishes nothing. IT IS THE SAME WITH NATURE. She is a perfect mechanic, the like of which all man's inventive and creative genius has been unable to duplicate or counterfeit, but like all mechanics, she needs the PROPER MATERIALS for her work and without them is powerless.

As an aid to nature (and at all times, no matter what means are used, we are only assisting nature), Vitæ-Ore is indeed an ideal creation. It contains elements which, when the body is in ill health, are needed by nature for her work of recuperation, and in supplying such materials, IT SUPPLIES HEALTH TO THE BODY, health in all the parts, in blood, brain and nerve tissue; health in those organs upon which health in the entire body is dependent. When there is an abnormal symptom, no matter in what organ, Vitæ-Ore assists nature to remove the abnormality and thus establishes the cure. It is not a cure-all, though its efficacy covers a wide range of ailments and disorders, but is a vitalizing, tonic, healing, corrective and strengthening force that arouses nature to CORRECT ACTION IN EVERY VITAL FUNCTION. It cures many disorders and has the same wonderfully beneficial action in diseases which seem diametrically opposite, all in the same natural way, all by assisting nature to properly perform the functions which always are properly performed in good health, and THUS ESTABLISHES GOOD HEALTH.

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A Tangled Web

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CHAPTER I.

IN HONEYSUCKLE COTTAGE—PATTY MAKES A DECISION AND RECEIVES HER FIRST BEQUEST.



VER a charming bit of woodland and a vine embowered lane the summer winds blew softly, wafting the perfume of fields and meadows to mingle with that of the honeysuckles on Roger Westropp's porch. But all soothing outside influences were lost upon Roger today.

"Patty!" he called sharply, spreading out across his knee the letter over which he had been poring for some time. No answer. Ah, Patty, did you but know the contents of that letter and how quickly some of the changes you long for would follow it!

"I've made up my mind, so she may as well know." He folded the letter carefully on his knee, and put it in his pocket; the action calmed his irritation. He rose up and went to the foot of the staircase. "Patty!" he called again, but in a quieter voice.

He had stooped while he read the letter; you were surprised, when he rose up and moved to the door, to see how tall he was. Lank as well as tall, with a hale, healthy-looking face, surrounded by grizzled hair and beard; and yet, spite of his fresh complexion and bright blue eyes, there was something ungenial in Roger Westropp's face—something narrow and wanting in frankness—the restless eyes seemed to search you through, while they kept their own secrets close.

"Coming, father," in a clear girlish voice from upstairs, and Roger went slowly back again to his seat near the open door.

A hard seat enough—a high-backed wooden chair; there was but one soft seat in the low long room, a cane stool with a cushion on it; the rest of the chairs were plain and hard as the floor, and the round walnut wood table in the middle. The grate was empty, and except for a nose-gay in a smart jug in the windowsill, and a pair of shining brass candlesticks on the high mantel shelf, there was no trace of ornament in the room.

Roger Westropp had still some minutes to wait, but he bore them patiently; only as a step sounded at last on the little creaking staircase his narrow brows contracted into a frown.

He sat facing the porch, into which the room opened, so he had his back to the door by which Patty came in. Perhaps the sudden vision of her fair bright face, had he seen it, would have made him look pleasanter.

She was so exquisitely pretty, so dainty in face and form and ways that the poor mean room seemed suddenly lit up by the presence of such a rare piece of flesh and blood, for there was nothing ethereal or spiritual in Patty's beauty; she might have been likened to a ripe peach, a perfect rose-blossom—never to a water-lily.

Her rich wavy hair, her dress, were exquisite in their trim freshness; only a pink cotton gown, but it bore no trace of work about it.

And yet with all her beauty and his gauntness you saw at once the likeness between father and daughter—a likeness of expression rather than feature, though as you looked, it was difficult to define this expression. At first sight it seemed to be in the eyes, but the blue in Roger's eyes, so light as to be almost grey, was uniform in tint; while in Patty's it deepened to an intense violet; when in shadow the eyes seemed as dark as the full pupils. The restless movement in Roger showed in Patty in sudden sidelong glances; but as she came forward, there was perfect repose, almost a soft languor in her eyes.

"What is it—didn't you call?"

"Yes, I called, lass." He turned half round in his chair, but he did not look up. "Your Grandmother would be dyin'," so they say; and Peter Wood, that good-for-nothing uncle of yore have come up all in



Patty came up shyly to see the sketch.

a hurry, and I'm best to be with the old woman at the last for the sake o' you, Patty."

He looked up at her, and met a sudden sidelong glance.

"Has Grandmother got money, then?"

"Maybe she have, may be not; that be as time will show. She have chosen to keep silent, and I didn't call for you to tell her secrets." Here he paused in his deliberate speech; but Patty listened still; she wanted to hear what he had got to say, and she knew her best chance was not to interrupt him.

"I be going into Guilford tonight," he went on. "I may be back next day, and I mayn't; but now look you here, Patty," he bent his heavy grey eyebrows into a frown, "you keep the house. Maybe there'll be folks coming in from the horse-fair. Don't you let me hear you've been seen up in Ashton by one among 'em. Don't you go nigh the Bladebone."

Patty did not flush, but her lips closed tightly, and she gave a little stamp of vexation.

"You're mighty careful, Father, but you needn't trouble about me. I've taken good care of myself till now. I'm not likely to run after men of any sort, much less horse-dealers. I'm rather more particular than that, I hope."

She threw back her head, and the color flew over her face.

Roger looked earnestly at her; there was pride in his look, but mistrust along with it.

"You're right, lass, so far," he said; "they be a set of knaves and spendthrifts, be horse-dealers; but as I've known em, Patty—men be much alike—I don't trust one among 'em all."

"You don't trust ne'er a one, Father."

Roger winced, and then he frowned at her.

"What do you mean by that?" he said harshly.

"I mean you don't trust women any more than men; you don't trust me. You had that news early this morning—you know you had. Why couldn't you have told me before? You know why. You know you didn't want to give me the chance of going to the

village and getting some one to come down and cheer me up a bit while you was away. It's a shame, Father, that it is, a crying 'shame. All these months I've been back from Miss Coppock's, and I've never so much as asked a friend of my own to take a bit or sup in the place."

She did not sob or cry; she looked at him with full dilated eyes and quivering nostrils, while she panted for breath to go on.

But Roger had heard as much as he meant to hear at present. He got up slowly and looked at her—looked at her so calmly, so quietly, that Patty's flashing eyes fell beneath his.

"What did you come home for, then?" he said at last. "You wurn't content at Miss Coppock's, you fretted for your freedom; you said you was sick and tired of needlework and such like. I didn't want you; maybe you makes the place smarter, but I was doin' well enough alone."

His words stung her, but she kept down her anger.

"I'm a poor working-man," he said; "'tis hard enough to get vittals for you and me, without feeding gowks of girls as should mind their work, for it's Jane at the Rectory you're meaning Patty."

"I don't mean any one, but I hate stingy ways," she spoke more quietly, and she raised her eyes to her father's face to see how much she dared say. His lips looked thinner than ever, but there was no other sign of anger in the long narrow face. "Father, people tell me you're not poor; why need we live as we do?" She gave an impatient look at her often-washed gown.

Roger's face worked.

"Don't be fool; he put one hand so firmly on the plump shoulder that she could not move. "I am poor. I mayn't choose to spend all I've got, but that's not your business, girl; you'll benefit by my thrift some day. Where'd be the use of dressing you up now in smart clothes and leaving you to starve in rags when I'm gone?"

"You needn't trouble about me when you're gone," Patty spoke loftily; "I shall never want."

Roger looked at her curiously.

"You'll never keep yourself by your two hands, I know that fast enough; you'll do as little as you can help, my girl, for yourself or anyone else; you'll not make a shilling

go as far as another would; it bean't in ye. But that's not what I called you down for, neither. Now look here, you keep at home. I won't have Jane here," he raised his hand and let it fall on her shoulder again; "I won't have you seen at the Bladebone, neither; so now you know my mind, lass."

He walked across the room with long heavy steps, and then up-stairs. Patty stood quite still, only pinching her gown between thumb and finger. He came down again with the few necessities he meant to take with him tied in a handkerchief, but she never stirred.

"Good-bye, lass," he nodded, and his face softened as he passed her. "If I'm not back Saturday, you can go to church Sunday; but maybe I'll be back sooner."

"Goodbye," said Patty, sulkily, over her shoulder; but he did not stop as he passed, and she made no advance to a more demonstrative leave-taking.

As Patty stood there she looked more and more like her father. Her full red lips were pressed against each other till they must surely have hurt themselves; her white round chin squared itself, and the even eyebrows drew together and made a ridge in the delicate flesh above.

She stood, scarcely moving for some time, but the expression on her face did not change; she could not solve the perplexity that was troubling her.

"I can't go on like this," she said at last, slowly, as if her words kept pace with her thoughts; "it's no better than being in prison. When Father asked me to go to service I said I wouldn't, because I thought home would be freest; but no master or mistress could tie me as tight as Father do. Just as if I can't speak to a man without harm coming of it. If Father only knew my notions, he'd trust me fast enough." Here she remembered her own existence, and smoothed the chestnut hair into still more glossy waves; a smile of consciousness curved her lips out of the bondage in which they had been kept.

"I wonder what Father'd say if I told him I mean

to marry a gentleman; maybe, though, he'd be worse than ever. He'd fancy I'd be throwing myself into mischief more than he does now. Bless him!" she gave her head a little toss; "does he think I'm like Jane at the Rectory, or Clara at the butcher's? Silly things, to go gadding and simpering with every man who will notice them! I hope I have more respect for myself! A man has no respect for a girl who runs after him either. And father thinks I am like Jane and Clara! So I was before I went to Guildford and saw a few people; I was just as much of a fool. Well, he'll find out the difference. Clara! why if I were as free as Clara is, and had her fine clothes and her opportunities, would I let such fellows as she does take walks with me? Not I. There's not one young man in all Ashton I'd let kiss my little finger." Patty seated herself in the chair and thought again.

It was all very well to keep firm to this secret resolution of becoming "a lady;" but Patty had begun to snub every love-sick village swain who sought her favour, and life was growing too dull to bear. Her father's cottage stood by itself at the end of the lane, a good mile out of the village. Across the common in front there was a high-road, but this was too far off to give much chance for picking up acquaintance thereon.

Within the last week Patty had determined to leave home; she had seen enough of her father to be sure that remonstrance and persuasion would be alike useless in changing his plan of life. The difficulty lay in deciding on what she should do.

In her Guildford life Patty had learned, among other scraps of worldly wisdom, that her only hope of becoming "a lady," lay in outward propriety of conduct, and this maxim stood to her in place of the purer teaching she might have learned from her dead mother—for Roger Westropp had been early left a widower. Since her return home she had treated her numerous admirers with indifference; but her extreme beauty, or her powers of attraction, had aroused remark in the Ashton folk, and Patty had acquired the reputation of being a flirt. Either this report had reached her father's ears, or he had his own cause for suspicion; but in Roger Westropp suspicion was native, it came more easily than trust.

Patty's lips curved into a sneer. "Father'd suspect a saint; he's enough to drive one into folly with his ways. It's his nearness is at the bottom of all, I do believe; I knew it fast enough when he said I weren't to have a new frock, because of its making me get noticed. He's a miser, and nothing else. I know, if Grandmother leaves any money, he won't give me a shilling of it." She shook her shoulders angrily. If I go to service, he says he must have half my wages. I hate such near ways. I'll go away—"

She stopped to think again, and an angry flush rose suddenly in each cheek, and made her eyes look dry and feverish.

"I won't go to the Rectory—I've made up my mind on that. Fancy being maid to that Nuna Beaufort! I'm just as good as she is, and I'm ever so much prettier; all the difference between us is in speaking French and playing the piano, and anybody could learn them things as tried. I'm sure I could, for Miss Coppock says I'm clever, and she's clever, if you like; she can speak French and do all as Miss Nuna can, unless it's drawing and painting, and those don't count in making a lady, I know. I can't see my way clear except for one thing; I won't be maid at the Rectory, and I'll tell father so. I hate Nuna Beaufort; she's a poor pale-faced thing. If I was to live in the same house as her, I should be tempted to do her a mischief; it's like what that old Gubbins said at Miss Coppock's—she said if two women disliked one another they was best to keep apart, else if they came together in life they was sure to do one another a mischief. "I wonder," she spoke slowly, "if that's true."

CHAPTER II.

IN THE LANE

Wood Lane was in full beauty; summer and autumn had not yet decided which should hold empire there—so the light that came streaming down through the leaves was green-hued, till it reached the lofty sand-banks on each side the way, and there autumn seemed to hold her own again, and the twisted grotesque roots stood out golden where the sun reached them.

There was not much leafage on the high banks; long trailing honeysuckles flung themselves over the giant limbs, and tufts of oak fern, with spots of golden powder like tiny snugs as the light fell on them, niched in some snug hollow in the spreading roots; but it was scarcely a scene in which the eye could grasp petty details. The lane mounted slowly, deeply shadowed by the crossing branches, and as it gained higher ground the flood of chequered green and gold seemed only the outer court of a still more gloomy descent beyond.

At least the artist thought so, who stood now a little on one side of the chequered pavement, himself a picturesque object enough with the tools of his art strapped about him.

"By Jove!" and he stood still, whistling a soft subdued air, breathing out the rapture which a sight of beauty was sure to kindle in his glowing imagination.

His eye traveled on, passing from the jewelled greenery through the sombre shadow to the foot of the descent, and his whistling ended. The trees ceased, then the lane broadened, and just where the light came pouring in from the open ground beyond, a figure sat on an old tree-stump. Paul Whitmore quickened his pace, and passed out of the sunshine again into the gloom.

He shivered slightly, the coolness was almost cold after the stifling journey from London; and besides this physical sensation there was almost awe in the solemn breadth of shadow.

He could make out the sitting figure distinctly now; it was a woman, and she seemed young.

"And she should be lovely with that graceful bending figure," the artist thought; "but I don't know: women with good shape and abundant hair are often harsh or coarse in feature and complexion, and a

person to whom the girl had nodded; the branches of the last tree on his side drooped low and had intercepted his view. Paul Whitmore forgot his sitter and his theories in an instant—a real picture was before him; another girl framed in, now that she stood in front of them, by the drooping green boughs. She had a pink cotton gown on with a little frill round her white firm throat; there was no hat to shade her face, no cloak to hide her shape. At the sight of her deep blue eyes with their heavy sculptured white lids, his soul had fairly melted in the sort of ecstasy beauty creates in its worshippers. If he had not met those eyes fixed on his own with such speaking admiration, Paul might have seen the well-cut mouth was too full, and that the lowermost of those scarlet lips drooped somewhat heavily; he might have seen that the nose was thick and inexpressive, and that the magnificent wealth of hair that glowed a wavy golden brown in the sun's rays was not fine in texture, and that it grew too low on the girl's forehead; but he did not criticise.

Meantime his sitter had risen to her feet; Paul Whitmore glanced across from one girl to the other, and hesitated. The new-comer was certainly the prettiest; her skin might not be as purely transparent as that of his sitter, but it was such true flesh tint, and the soft color stole into it so bewitchingly. The one face was exquisitely peach-like and tempting; it was that of a sweet, innocent confiding child—whereas the other had a certain depth of expression which might betoken spirituality, but which also suggested a character not so easily read as that of the lovely village maiden who stood blushing like a sea-shell under the artist's ardent eyes.

There was little difference, except the hat, in the dress of the two girls, and yet Paul Whitmore had recognized instinctively that the one was a lady, the other a village girl; and in his heart he preferred the last-comer.

"Poor little thing! she doesn't like to be stared at. How prettily she blushes! But my young lady looks severe; I believe she has a mind to give me in charge for sketching her."

"Patty," came in a very gentle voice from the "young lady." But Patty had no intention of moving.

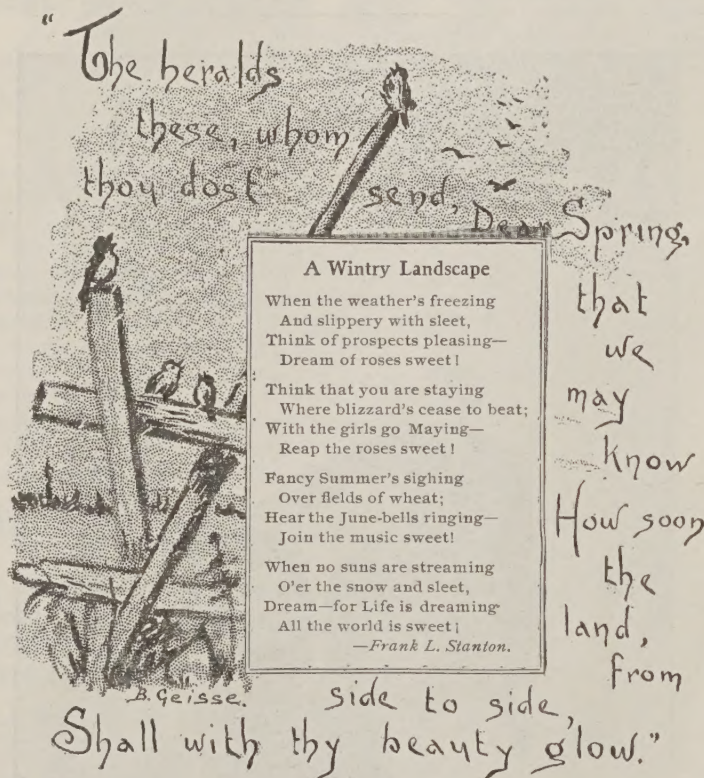
"Yes, Miss Beaufort," she looked slightly over her shoulder, and then turned again towards the artist to watch the progress of his sketch.

Paul glanced mischievously across the road. Just beyond the tree-stump on which Miss Beaufort had been sitting came a gate, with a glimpse of open country behind it.

"She is affronted—I knew she would be. Well, I may have been sketching what these provincials call 'the view,' for anything my young lady knows to the contrary, so she need not look so stately and proper."

Inside Nuna Beaufort's mind he would have seen that what he was construing into hauteur and propriety, was a nervous sense of discomfort, and the sight might have made him better proof against Patty's charms; but then men—artists especially—are so very human in such a case. Patty's eyes had told him that he was a being to be worshipped, and, moreover, they kept on telling him so, and each time they glanced shyly up through their black lashes, Paul thought them more and more lovely; whereas Nuna, after the first brief surprised look, had

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woman with a bad skin is objectionable. If my theory just now has anything in it, this bending creature's life is cast in sunny places." He stood still, and though in shadow himself, he shaded his eyes with one hand as he gazed at her.

"She is charming!" he exclaimed, "at least her position is; now if she'll only keep so a minute."

He leaned back against the bank, high enough to yield support, though on the opposite side it had followed the downward bend of the road, and gave room only for smaller tree roots in its diminished height.

As Paul sketched he saw that his sitter was reading, and upon this he grew more enterprising, and included in the picture growing rapidly under his long slender hand a portion of the deeply shadowed road.

"She's an excellent model; I don't believe she'll move this hour."

The words were hardly said when the sitter raised her head, and nodded to some one beyond the angle of the lane. The shadow cast by her hat was gone, and Paul Whitmore could see her face.

"Charming! only wants color to be lovely. But she's too pale. I expect she is better still nearer; those delicate faces always lose by distance. I wonder if this is the girl Pritchard talks of; if so, that young farmer is a lucky fellow. Does she like him, I wonder? She looks too refined for a clodhopper."

He stopped abruptly; he had been so absorbed in looking that he had not noticed the approach of the

Polly's Picture

By Benjamin I. Keech

Little Polly had an uncle who made pictures "just for fun," and the little maiden wondered how the thing was ever done. He would quickly mix his colors till they suited him, and then, with a great dash and a splash, he would turn them into men! Polly watched, and then decided that it wasn't hard to do, and whenever she could get a chance, she'd paint a picture, too.

So, one time when uncle Alex had gone many miles away, Polly went into his "paint shop" where her talents could have sway; And she helped herself to brushes, and she helped herself to paint, In a way, I should say, that would make the poor man faint! And she took a nice white canvas, and she sat right down to work, For an enterprising artist hasn't any time to shirk.

She mixed many brilliant colors, dashed and splashed them one by one On the surface of the canvas, till at last the piece was done: Then, while adding extra touches, rapid steps came in the hall, "Polly Green! What a scene!" Polly let her brushes fall, "You have painted uncle's coat until!"— "Why papa, dear, no, no!" Said small Polly, meek but blushing, "I have made an "Afterglow."



The New Mclean Gun as First Tested in the Shop of the Inventor.



HE prisoners are at the mast, sir," I heard the orderly say, as I came over the side of the great battleship, Mighty State, to report for duty. Just now the good ship swung idly in the harbor off a New England coast town and the mast-court trials naturally attracted more attention from the officers and men on board than when there was more action and excitement. After depositing my traps in the room assigned me and getting into proper uniform I returned to the deck to watch the process of dealing out justice at "The Stick," as the captain's mast-court is familiarly called. It was an interesting group of faces that confronted the captain that morning. Besides two negroes, and one Japanese, there stood in solemn silence a dozen white men of various sorts, ages and states of preservation.

BALLWEN'S DESERTION.

"Ballwen, landsman," called out the Executive's writer, who held the report book.

The face and bearing of the young man who saluted, uncovered and stepped forward in answer to the name were particularly striking and interested me exceedingly. He still wore the seedy and soiled citizen's clothing in which he had been arrested, and his fine features were clouded over with signs of deep dejection and discouragement, but there was that about him which compelled instant sympathy in spite of his general disreputable appearance.

The charge made against Ballwen was that of desertion. After his statement had been taken in writing he was placed under a sentry's charge, for safekeeping, to await the action of the Navy Department on his case.

After his hearing Ballwen took his place on one side the mast-court, with the others destined to the brig, while investigations of other cases proceeded. When the court was over he strode away with them to confinement in charge of the Master-at-arms, his hands twitching convulsively, and tears streaming down his handsome face. Again my heart went out to him and the more strongly as I noticed his well-knit, manly figure, delicate hands, feet and ears, waving brown hair and keen blue eyes.

"Ballwen, is there anything I can do for you?" I inquired, quickly stepping alongside.

"No, sir; thank you, sir. I do not suppose anyone can do anything for me now. I'll have to take my medicine like a man."

With this he passed on to take his place in the band of unfortunates who were to await their inevitable court-martial in the iron confines of the brig.

THE MAST-COURT TRIALS.

For the benefit of the many young readers of Vick's Magazine who may never have been on board a battleship, and yet to whom everything pertaining to the sea is fascinating, let me explain somewhat the details of this mast-court at "The Stick."

In olden days the name denoted the space at the main mast on the starboard side of the spar deck, the dividing line between "fore and aft," and was the farthest aft that the enlisted man had a right to go. The mast is gone from the modern man-of-war, but the name remains, and now denotes the same place, at the starboard gangway, just forward of the quarter deck.

The man-of-war's-man approaches this spot and stands in silence until he attracts the attention of the officer of the deck, whom he then asks to see the executive, or the captain, for making some complaint or request. Here, too, he is brought for all complaints or charges that may be lodged against him.

"The mast" is the magistrates court of service for the preliminary hearing of all cases calling for investigation or trial. In this court the commanding officer is allowed by law to impose certain light punishments himself; more serious cases are sent before a summary court of commissioned or warrant officers. The very worst cases, such as those for theft, murder and desertion, go before a general court martial of commissioned officers for trial and sentence. It was for trial of this kind that poor Ballwen waited. The senior officer

AT THE MAST

A SEA STORY IN FIVE CHAPTERS

By Rev. C. Q. WRIGHT

Chaplain in the United States Navy.

CHAPTER FIRST

BALLWEN AWAITS COURT-MARTIAL.

present convenes a summary court; the President through the Secretary of the Navy convenes the general court. No sentence of these court martials can be carried into execution till it has been approved by the convening authority.

If a man is brought to the mast charged with some serious offence, and the charges appear to be true, the captain orders him placed under sentry's charge, in safe-keeping, till he can be tried by a summary court, or the Department orders him before a general court.



United States, Battleship, "Mighty State."

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the captain, who had halted to talk to the executive officer, handed him my orders and reported for duty. Beyond me the officers of the deck paced back and forth; on the bridge above the step of the quarter-master rang in the same even measure. By this time Ballwen and his hapless associates were securely lodged in their iron brig. My thoughts were with them. As in a dream I heard the orderly report "Six bells, sir," and slowly left the deck.

A CASE OF KIDNAPPING.

Over in the little coast town, next day, while rum-maging through a file of newspapers of the Centennial year, strangely enough, I chanced upon a paragraph announcing the disappearance of a small boy from the exposition grounds on the day preceding the date of the paper. Through several papers of later date ran thread-like evidence of the case, terminating in a column story of the affair, published about a week later. By this time I had become interested in what seemed a very pathetic case and searched diligently



As a Man-of-War Gun it is Claimed That The Mclean Will Stop War

through the rest of the file but found no further evidence of the lost boy.

The story, framed by staring newspaper headlines and pieced together carefully at my leisure, was as daring and sensational a case of kidnapping as often falls to the lot of a newspaper reporter.

For some reason the family name was withheld from the public. The sorrowing parent was always referred to as "the father of the lost boy." He was wealthy and recently married to a second wife whom the small son feared and disliked. Their home was in the most beautiful suburb of Cincinnati, and known as The Walnuts, but they had been living for this particular summer in West Philadelphia, in attendance upon the exposition.

It was in the quaint old Memorial Hall that the father last saw his little son. The young woman employed to attend him disappeared at the same time.

THE LOST BOY.

It was strange how the pathetic little story caught and kept my attention. I studied carefully the meagre description given of the lost boy. He was described as a well-developed child of eight with brown hair and bright blue eyes, restless, mischievous, fun-loving, with a strong love of adventure that led him into many escapades, ending sometimes in hair-breadth escapes. His father had found it necessary, only a few days before his disappearance to employ a young woman as companion and teacher for the child in order that his persistent habit of wandering off alone might not end disastrously.

I distrusted this young woman from the first. The means employed by the father to safeguard the child had, at last, been the instrument of his loss.

TWIN MYSTERIES.

I made hasty notes of the kidnapping, for what reason I hardly knew, and dropped them into my note book. Oddly enough, they fell against the page that had been open the morning before when I jotted down a few notes at the mast-court trial. The name of Ballwen caught my eye. I remembered then another pair of bright blue eyes and a thick mat of brown hair in connection with a manly, striking figure. Both boys, the older and the younger, evidently had the same love of adventure and it had led them both into perilous places. One was awaiting freedom or punishment out there in the brig whose dark shape moved, restlessly tugging at its anchor, over the water; the other, —and then I fell to speculating about the lost boy's age.

"Eight years old, well developed" in the Centennial year of Philadelphia! The years that had passed since then would have rounded him into a vigorous stripling in the first flush of manhood, just where Ballwen stood. Would the two lads ever meet, as their histories had in my note book, and "speak to each other in passing" of the mystery that shrouded a portion of the life of each from me? I little thought as I made ready to dine with a physician of the place that evening, that a fresh chapter from the darkest part of the history of one of the lads would be in my possession within the next hour.

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Vick Stories.

Rev. C. Q. Wright, the author of the above story, is Chaplain in the United States Navy and well versed in the nautical affairs which interest boys so much. We feel sure that our boy readers will follow Ballwen through the next four chapters with great interest.

In this number we also begin two other stories of absorbing interest, one for "grown-ups" and one for juvenile readers. The story of the fortunes of Ji-Shib, the Indian baby, and the faithful little beaver, will however, interest readers of all ages, from the child who hears it told or read in the twilight on the way to slumberland, to the grown-ups, themselves telling the story.

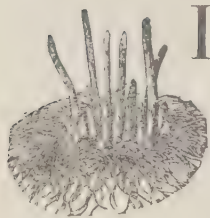
"A Tangled Web," the story of the opening pages this month, will be continued through the year, and is a story of great power. Miss Macquoid has a wide circle of readers on both sides the Atlantic.

The Early Garden Vegetables

HOW TO GROW A SURPLUS FOR PROFIT

By Prof. W. F. Massey, North Carolina

ASPARAGUS BEDS



It can be grown only moderately early and in moderate quantities.

The New Culture

The general advice is to plant two-year-old roots in deep trenches, in heavily manured land, and the statement is general that no cutting should be made till the third year. All of which is needless. We have cut fine asparagus the second spring from the sowing of the seed, and for the best and most profitable results we would sow the seed right in the rows where we expect to grow the crop, thinning and transplanting the plants when the size of a knitting needle, which can be done as easily as with any other garden plants.

For the best results with asparagus the soil should be of a light, sandy or mellow nature, and the first preparation must be of the most thorough character, for the crop is to last many years. The more manure you stuff into the ground the better asparagus you will get and the sooner you will get it. Deep plowing, heavy manuring and good preparation are all essential to the formation of a productive asparagus plantation. Of course, where the ordinary bleached stems are wanted, the plants must be set in trenches. But this need not interfere with the transplanting of the young seedlings, instead of waiting one or two years for the roots and getting poorer results.

The trenches may be prepared and well manured, and the plants may be grown in a seed bed like cabbage plants and set in the trenches as soon as large enough to handle. Then, as they grow, the earth can be gradually drawn to them so that by autumn the land will be level and the roots where you want them, and in far better shape than if let remain in the plant bed and then torn up after the roots get large.

Young plants from seed sown in February, in the warmer parts of the state, or in March and April in colder sections, can in this way be grown so that a very fair cutting or two can be made the next spring, which could not be done if the roots were set in the fall, after growing in the seed bed all summer.

But the earliest asparagus will be produced when the roots are set on or near the level surface. A few rows

will produce plants enough to set a large area when thinned, as they should be, to two feet in the row, the rows being four feet apart.

Succulent Shoots Can be Cut in a Year.

But the deep planting is wholly needless, and worse than needless, for when grown for family use we always want the tender, green tips, and not the tough under-ground white parts.

In the preparation of an asparagus plantation, whether for home or market, we would prepare the soil as deeply and thoroughly as possible, and apply as heavy a dressing of manure as practicable, and if manure is not available, would use not less than half a ton per acre of a high-grade commercial fertilizer, strong in nitrogen. I would select the warmest and lightest soil at hand, since earliness is a prime object. I would sow the seeds as early as the ground could be prepared in spring, in rows four feet apart, and would scatter the seed thinly in shallow trenches and cover about one to two inches deep. Only part of the ground need be sown, as there will be plants for a great deal more land. Thin to two feet, and set the young plants thinned out in other rows at the same distance.

As soon as the plants start to grow again mulch between the rows with fine stable manure, if possible, and



Rhubarb can be forced for winter and spring use in the cellar

cultivate shallowly during the summer, so as to keep this manure near the surface to preserve the moisture.

In the fall cut off the dead tops and give the plot a dressing of kainit at a rate of 500 pounds per acre. This will give all the salt any one would apply and will furnish potash at a season when the kainit will

not interfere with the earliness of the crop, as it will if applied in spring.

In the spring give a heavy coat of stable manure or half a ton of complete fertilizer. Under these conditions and with this treatment very good shoots can be cut the next season after the sowing of the seed, and the roots being near the surface, will appear above it earlier. This is just what we have done, and what any one can do, and the waiting three years for asparagus is simply because people have not learned that they can get it much sooner.

A bed of very moderate size will supply a large family with this vegetable, if well grown. A bed six feet wide and fifty feet long will suffice for most families. Such a small bed may be prepared with especial care and seed

sown in fall. Thin after a stand is secured to two feet apart each way. With a bed of this size it will be easy to set boards on edge around it and cover it with cheese cloth, like a tobacco plant bed, or even to set frames and glass sashes on it and thus get the shoots extra early.

Sashes a Profitable Investment

When our gardeners fully realize the value of glass in the forwarding of their crops, we will find them planting asparagus closely in beds that can be covered with sashes. The price that good asparagus commands in February and March will pay for a great deal of extra expense in getting the early crop. With intensive work on small areas we can often make greater profits than from large areas treated in the usual manner.

There are several so-called varieties of asparagus. Conover's Colossal has been very popular, but is now second in popularity to the variety known as Palmetto. The Columbian is of more recent introduction, and is distinct from the others in making white shoots above ground, and very slowly turning green. Any variety may be made colossal by liberal manuring.

In the local markets we often see asparagus offered for sale of a very inferior character—small, short shoots, tied in little bunches of various sizes, such as could not be sold at all in the markets of the large cities. To succeed in market gardening one must learn market methods in putting up vegetables for sale, and arrange them so that the packages will look neat and inviting.

BEETS AND RADISHES

The beet needs a deep soil for its tap-root, and a mellow one, easily penetrated. A good application of a complete fertilizer, high in nitrogen and potash, should be used in the furrow. Two furrows lapped over this to form a slight ridge, which is to be rolled nearly flat, and you are ready for planting.

As the extra early beets are the only profitable sorts to sell, they should be sown as early in February as the ground can be worked in good order, in the warmer states, the date being made later as we go north and westward, till the last of March is as early as safe in the high mountain countries and colder states. Beets are easily killed by frost as they germinate, but will stand quite a frost after they are well up and the leaves developing, and the trucker who wishes to get his crops into market at the earliest date always takes some risk.

The earliest beets are now grown in heavily fertilized frames, under the protection of glass sashes or cloth. Glass is far better than cloth. In the frames the seed may be planted in rows across the width of the frame, about eight inches apart, and should be thinned to three inches. In this way we can get beets of a marketable size about the time they will be just getting above ground when sown outside. After they are up their growth may be much accelerated by a dressing of nitrate of soda, applied carefully between the rows, so as not to touch the foliage.

Scarlet turnip radishes may be sown in the beet rows outside, to come up quickly and mark the rows, and to be pulled out before the beets need all the room. When grown in frames, under glass, beets need close attention to airing, and in all warm and sunny weather should have the sashes pulled down, and even when cold, if the sun is shining, the sashes should be slid down slightly to prevent too much heat.

Clearing up the Garden.

By T. Greiner, New York

It pays to clear up the garden. Do not leave dead weeds and rubbish standing on it over winter. Pile the rubbish in heaps and early in spring you can burn them and hordes of insect enemies with them that have crept underneath for hibernation. This is what I call my "spring wash of rubbish." The weed and rubbish piles are my "trap-heaps" for insects.

If you did not clear up the garden in autumn it must be done now. This will kill numbers of the insects,—but not so many as if the heaps had been made in fall. Some farmers defer the burning of these heaps until their orchard trees are in bloom, and then do the burning at night, claiming that numberless insects fly from the tree-bloom to the bright blaze and thus are destroyed.

Insects and the Trap Heap

Various species of leaf-hoppers winter as adults while other species lay their eggs in the tissues of vegetation that remains on the ground over winter; others pass the winter both in the egg state and as adults. With whatever species, gathering together

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PLANTING TABLE FOR VEGETABLES AND SEEDS.

The time set for planting is given as the average time when the crop can be planted in Hartford, Conn., on a level, loamy soil. When the season is early, the planting can take place about a week earlier, while in a late season it will be about a week later. A difference of five or six days should be allowed for every hundred miles in latitude. The time required for seeds to come up will vary according to the condition of seed, the condition and kinds of soil and the temperature. A sandy loam favors rapid germination.

Name of plant	When to plant	Where to plant	How deep to plant	Distance apart for Garden Culture		Kind of plant, how long to come up to mature seed	Weeks after planting before ready to eat
				In row when thin inches	Rows inches		
Asparagus	April 30	Nursery	1	2	24	20-30 Perennial	3 (years)
Beans, Bush, String	May 10 to July 1	Garden	1-1 1/2	2	24	8 Annual	8 to 9 (weeks)
Beans, Bush, Lima	May 10	Garden	1-1 1/2	4-6	30	14 Annual	8 to 10
Beets	April 30 to July 1	Garden	1	8	12	6 Biennial	7 to 8
Broccoli	May 20	Garden	1	18	24	10-20 Biennial	21
Brussels Sprouts	May 20	Garden	1	18	24	6 Biennial	21
Cabbage	March to June 15	* Hotbed	1/2	24	24	6 Biennial	14 to 18
Carrot	May 1	Garden	3/4	8	12	8-9 Annual	12 to 15
Cauliflower	March to June 15	* Hotbed	1/2	24	24	8 Biennial	20 to 25
Celery	April 10 to May 20	* Hotbed	1/2	8	48-60	20-30 Biennial	20 to 40
Celeriac	April 10 to May 20	* Hotbed	1/2	8	24-30	20-30 Biennial	20 to 25
Corn, Sweet	May 10 to July 1	Garden	1 1/2	6	30 or 36	8 Annual	10 to 20
Corn, Field	May 10 to June 1	Field	1 1/2	6	30 or 36	8 Annual	10 to 30
Corn, Pop	May 15	Garden or Field	1 1/2	6	30 or 36	8 Annual	30 to 40
Corn, Salad	May 1 to Sept.	Garden	1 1/2	6	12	12 Annual	8-12, next spring
Cress	April 30	Garden	1/2	6	12	4 Annual	5 to 6
Cucumber	May 25	Garden	1	4 in hill	60 ea. way	4-11 Annual	8 to 12
Dandelion	April 30, Aug. 1	Garden	1/2	8	12 to 24	8 Perennial	Next spring
Egg Plant	February 15	* Started Hotbed	1/2	24	88	1 Annual	15 to 20
Endive	March to July 30	* Hotbed	1/2	12	12	6 Annual	8 to 10
Kale	April 30 to June 1	Garden	1/2	12	18 to 24	6 Biennial	8 to 10
Kohlrabi	May 1 to July 1	Garden	1/2	6	12	5 Biennial	2 to 14
Lettuce	March 30 to July 10	* Hotbed	1/2	8	12	4-8 Annual	8 to 12
Leek	April 25	Garden	1	3	12	10 Biennial	16 to 20
Melon, Musk	May 25	Garden	1	4 in hill	60 apart	14 Annual	14 to 16
Melon, Water	May 25	Garden	1	4 in hill	60 apart	14 Annual	15 to 20
Mustard	April 25	Garden	1/2	12	12	4 Annual	3 to 5
Onions	April 25	Garden	1	8	12	10 Biennial	15 to 25
Okra	May 20	Garden	1	24	36	10-20 Annual	12 to 14
Parsley	March	* Hotbed	1/2	12	12	10-20 Biennial	3 to 12
Parsnip	May 10	Garden	1	8	12	12 Biennial	20
Pepper	February 15	* Hotbed	1/2	12	12	20-40 Annual	20
Peas	April 25, July 1	Garden	1/2	1-2 dwarf	24	14-30 Annual	6 to 8
Potatoes	April 25	Garden	2-3	12	30	20 Perennial	10 to 20
Pumpkin	May 25	Garden or Field	1	2 in hill	60	11 Annual	20
Radish	April 30 to Aug. 30	Garden	1 1/2	1	12	4 Annual	3 to 6
Salisbury	May 10	Garden	1	4	12	6 Biennial	25
Spinach	April 25	Garden	1	1	6	11 Annual	6 to 8
Squash, Summer	May 25	Garden	1	4 in hill	60	11 Annual	8 to 12
Tomatoes	February 15	* Hotbed	1/2	36	36	7 Annual	16 to 18
Turnip	April 30, July 25	Garden	1/2	4	12	4 Biennial	8 to 12

* Hotbed or window garden and garden. † Hotbed or window box. ‡ Started in hotbed and transplanted.

From Hints and Helps to Young Gardeners, by H. D. Hemmaway.

Crisp Salads All Summer

FROM TEN FEET OF SOIL

By John Elliott Morse



A jar of cress growing in the window

these conditions it is little use to expect success, for rapid growth is essential to nearly every species of salad. If space is limited, select those sorts that grow quickly and avoid sowing the cool-weather varieties so that they shall mature in midsummer.

LETTUCE

This of course, is the staple among salads, and some varieties succeed far better in warm weather than others. The following sorts will do nicely for first early: Boston Forcing, Early Tennisball and Silver Ball. Salamander and Big Boston will be found valuable for later sorts, as they remain a long time in edible condition before going to seed. One variety of each is sufficient for ordinary purposes and it will be a convenience to sow in beds three or four feet square.

Make these beds as rich as possible and as fine as thorough working will make them. Lettuce will stand some early freezings, so the first bed may be sown as quickly as the frost will admit. As soon as the plants are established pick out the larger ones and transplant to a permanent bed, in rows 12 inches apart, and three inches apart in the rows. With frequent hoeing to keep the ground loose, the plants will soon be sufficiently large to eat and each alternate plant may be taken out, leaving room for the remaining ones to head up.

As the plants in the seed bed grow, the larger leaves may be broken off for use and others form. This also helps the plant to make stocky roots for transplanting. These may be planted between the rows of the first planting and thus the rotation may be kept up at pleasure. So the lettuce problem may be easily solved for the whole season on a strip of ground three or four feet in width by any length desired.

The second bed may be sown three or four weeks subsequent to the first. The constant cropping back for salads will not only supply this want but will make better plants for the permanent beds.

CHERVIL

This is one of the hardy annuals, valuable alike for flavoring and garnishing. A new variety, the curled, is coming much into favor and is superior as a garnish to parsley.

Sow as early as the ground can be thoroughly prepared, and when plants are well established transplant to permanent rows one foot apart. With rich soil and good culture leaves will be ready for use in six to ten weeks from sowing.

CORN SALAD

For summer use, sow very early in drills ten or twelve inches apart. In rich soil the plants will mature in from five to six weeks. For winter and early spring use, sow in August or September, according to location. When severe cold weather comes, cover the rows with straw. We must again emphasize the idea of rich soil, as this plant, especially, is worth little on poor, thin soil.

CHIVES

The seed may be sown in permanent rows, or in boxes, and transplanted; or it may be had sooner by buying a few bunches and dividing them. It is nice for bordering permanent beds and thus requires very

little extra space. It bears frequent cutting, as a new growth soon starts up; and it lasts three to four years. If the old clumps are divided up and transplanted, they will be good for as many more years.

CRETTES

Without an unfailing water supply the water or true cress will not thrive. However, many are thus favored and can keep a supply of the fresh, crisp leaves from early spring until severe freezing weather. It is easily started by sowing the seed in the soft soil close along the water's edge; or cress cuttings may be pressed into the soft bottom of the stream sufficiently deep to hold them in place until the roots are established. Once started, it multiplies very rapidly both from the seed and the roots, requiring very little care except frequent cutting.

The upland cress will succeed in any good rich soil. The seed should be sown in drills about twelve inches apart, and first sowings should be made as early as the ground can be worked in spring. This cress requires careful and thorough culture; for successions frequent sowings should be made. These may be between the growing rows, and thus but little ground need be occupied. The seed is slow to germinate, and it is best to pour hot water on it several times before sowing it. The water must not be boiling but still it may be used quite hot without danger. When sufficiently soaked, pour out upon a cloth and expose to the air until dried enough to sow.

For early spring sowing the curled cress or pepper grass is the best variety. For the autumn the Gray-Seeded Winter is best, as it is quite hardy and thrives best in cool weather.

ENDIVE

This may be sown at any time during the early season, but is most used in late autumn. For the latter purpose, sow in June or July (owing to locality), in drills fourteen inches apart and when the plants are well established thin them to twelve inches apart in the rows. Rich soil and thorough culture are necessary to their success. When endive is nearly full grown, draw the leaves together and tie them as in blanching cauliflower. By tying at intervals a succession of tender salad may be kept up until late autumn. The seed may be sown between rows of other salads that would naturally be out of the way before the endive requires the full space.

DANDELION

Sow in warm rich soil in May or June and in drills twelve to fifteen inches apart. Thin the plants to five inches apart in the row. Give thorough culture and the tops will be ready for cutting early the following spring. The cultivated dandelion is not the native plant so troublesome to lawns. By cultivation it has been acclimated here and has become a very desirable salad.

Salad-Growing in The Window

BY LOUISE PRIEST

Use the kitchen window until you feel sure of the success of your experiment. If it does succeed, you will think the cress or parsley, or whatever plant you choose to begin with, is pretty enough to be ornamental in almost any room.

One way of growing cress is shown in the engraving. The upland cress, or pepper grass, is one of the easiest of all plants to grow, and its mild, peppery taste makes it peculiarly acceptable in early spring. It can be grown in water in the window by tying a fine piece of cheese cloth across the mouth of a good sized crock, slackly, filling the crock with water, so that the cloth will be kept saturated on the surface of the water, and scattering cress seed thickly over it.

The crock must be kept filled with water, and lots of charcoal added when the water is first put in will help to keep it sweet. Tiny points of green soon appear thickly over the cloth, and under favorable conditions, the little plants grow fast.

As soon as they are large enough cut the larger leaves and stems out with a pair of scissors. Eat them with salt and bread and butter and see if this window salad is not particularly appetizing.

That cress and parsley sprays are exceedingly pretty for garnishing every good housewife knows. In salad making, too, they are always useful.



A child's vegetable garden started in soapbox and berry basket. See the radishes coming up!

Little Children's Gardens

By H. D. Hemenway

Director of School of Horticulture, Hartford, Conn.

No matter how small the yard, there is room for a garden for the boy or girl of home or school, even if it has to be established in a soapbox! There is much waste room often used for ashes, tin cans, or rubbish in many yards. What was once unsightly, unsanitary, and unproductive when given to the child for a garden becomes a resort of beauty, of health and utility for a whole family. It opens up a source of revenue, creates a love of industry, and respect for property, and is often the beginning of better things. The gardener becomes a better American citizen.

The outdoor garden usually begins in the windows of warm rooms, or in hot-beds and cold frames in March. Even the north windows of warm rooms may be used for germinating seed and starting cuttings. For starting seed use one part soil and two parts sand, or just the soil, if it is light. Mix well and sift, placing lumps in the bottom of the box for drainage. Fill the box nearly half full of lumps, broken pots or pieces of brick; then put in the fine soil, pressing down the corners with the fingers. Heap the soil up on the box, and with a smooth stick scrape it off level.

Place the seeds in the left hand and with the thumb and fingers of the right hand scatter the seed evenly over the surface of the soil. Cover all, sifting a little dry soil through a flour sieve over the seeds, not more than one-eighth or one-sixteenth inch in thickness. Press down firmly and evenly with a block or board; put in the window garden and sprinkle with water thoroughly. Do not allow the soil to dry up.

When the young plants are up well, they may be transplanted into pots or other boxes. For this, mix one part of soil, one part of sand and one part of well-rotted

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* From "Hints and Helps Gardeners."

Followed by Tomatoes Sixteen and one-half feet

Radish 2" apart in row
Lettuce 6" apart in row
Lettuce
Beans 6' apart in row
Beans
Beets 4" apart in row
Strawberries
Carrots 3" apart in row
Pot Marigold 1" apart
Pot Marigold
Nasturtium 6" ap. in row
Petunia 6" apart in row
Phlox
Verbena 6" apart in row
Candytufts 3" ap in row
Portulaca 4" ap. in row

Plan for Child's garden

FRUIT ALL THE YEAR FROM A LITTLE COTTAGE GARDEN

By Leonard Gilbert, New York

With illustrations from Farmers' Bulletin No. 158, by L. C. Corbett, U. S. Dept. of Agriculture



Strawberries will grow under grapevines

THE finding of the first ripe strawberries, half hiding under their rough green leaves as they slowly redden and sweeten in the sun, is a triumph that delights a child for hours. Sharp eyes have been watching them redden for days and chubby brown fingers have gathered many a berry while merely one cheek was a-blush. How eagerly the little mouths receive them! How delicious even a half-ripe fresh strawberry seems to a child in spring!

Among the "good gifts" which wise parents are now trying to give to their children is a greater abundance of fruit. Realizing its health-giving and health-keeping properties they plan not merely for fruit-desserts on Sundays and company days, perhaps for breakfast or tea once a day, but for a reasonably plentiful supply all the days, just as bread and butter is supplied when a child is hungry for it.

Now if this plan suggests several of the ills which flesh—a child's flesh especially—is heir to, I have only to reply that a child which is not deprived of the fruit which it needs and craves will not eat over greedily of it; nor eat green fruit when ripe is at hand.

How to Economize Space.

In a short paper it is impossible, of course to go into the details of culture. I shall attempt merely to outline a cottage garden plan and the selection of varieties for a continuous supply of fruit for an average family and how it may be grown from two or three acres of ground, rightly planned and planted. The details of the latter work belong to next month when general planting begins.

The little garden plan economizes space admirably, even for a city lot or little cottage garden. The grape vines are trained to the high, tight board fence which separates the lot from that of the next neighbor. The currants are planted near one side of the enclosure, while the main walk occupies a corresponding position on the opposite side. The area between the walk and the fence on one side is given up to strawberries, while that between the walk and currant bushes on the opposite side forms the flower and vegetable plot. This little plan given by Mr. Corbett in his Home Fruit Garden bulletin, I have seen varied and amplified by several cottagers, and reinforced by good cellars or storage pits for winter fruits on several small places. In the cellars apples keep through spring until strawberries ripen, and the housewife's store of canned fruit is not often called upon merely to make the cycle ends meet, though it is usually in readiness.

Dwarf Fruit Trees.

Grapes are not the only fruits which can be trained on walls. By planting dwarf trained trees of apple, peach, pear, etc., a collection of several varieties of fruits may be grown on a space that would support only one large orchard tree. These trees cost more in the beginning, of course, but not so much as land, and they are protected by the walls from late frosts that kill other fruits.

The expense of high-class young peach trees of this class may be avoided by buying "whips," as they are called. Select good, short-jointed ones and plant them about eight feet apart. After planting cut the top off just above the bottom wire or row of bricks, and when they start to grow, train them as you wish them to stay. A nice little fruit tree may be grown in this way in three

times years. Sometime they will bear a few fine, large fruits in the third year after planting.

Pruning is Important.

Trees of this sort need special care in pruning. And, indeed, this is one of the most important points to study in planning for a continual supply of fruit,—to be able to tell the age of the shoots, and just how to prune them. The bush fruits have their stools entirely renewed by pruning away the old wood when it becomes enfeebled, and a continuous relay of young bearing wood must be incited by yearly pruning.

Strawberries bear best the first and second years after planting, so a few fresh rows should be planted every year. The earlier varieties, like Excelsior and Johnson's Early will bear in May and June; sorts like the Gandy and Alpine are still bearing in midsummer.

The Selection of Varieties.

It is surprising to see how many varieties of fruit may be grown even on a small city lot. A good suc-

cession of the various fruits in season is provided in the following list.

FOR A TINY COTTAGE GARDEN.

Apples, four trees: One each of Red Astrachan, Golden Sweet, Baldwin, Fallawater.
Peaches, four trees: One each of Early Canada, Yellow Rarieripe, Early Crawford, Late Crawford.
Pears two trees: One Bartlett, one Duchess (Dwarf).
Plums, two trees: One Wilder, one Lombard.
Quinces, two Champion.
Grapes, ten vines: Five Concord, five Niagara.
Raspberries, twenty bushes: Ten Gregg, ten Cuthbert.
Blackberries, twenty bushes: Ten Taylor, ten Agawam.
Currants, ten bushes: Five Victoria, five White Grape.
Gooseberries: Five Downing.
Strawberries: Fifty Brandywine.

FOR A LARGER PLACE.

Apples, ten trees: Two Baldwin, two Grimes Golden, one Fallawater, two Red Astrachan, one Bonum, one Bough Sweet. Crab: One Transcendent.
Peaches, ten trees: One Alexander, two Rarieripe (Yellow), two Early Crawford, four Late Crawford, one Stephens' Rarieripe.
Cherries, five trees: Two Early Richmond, two Black Tartarian, one Allen.
Plums, five trees: Two Green Gage, two Lombard, one Willard.
Pears, five trees: Two Bartlett, one Duchess, one Kieffer, one Seckel.
Quinces: Five Champion.
Grapes, fifty vines: Twenty-five Concord, ten Niagara, fifteen Brighton.
Raspberries, seventy bushes: Twenty-five Gregg, ten Marlboro, twenty-five Cuthbert, ten Golden Queen.
Blackberries, fifty bushes: Twenty-five Agawam, twenty-five Taylor.
Currants, forty-five bushes: Twenty-five Wilder, ten White Grape, ten Black Champion.
Gooseberries, thirty bushes: Ten Downing, ten Industry, ten Columbus.
Strawberries, 200 plants: One hundred Brandywine, one hundred Gandy.

Raising Strawberries

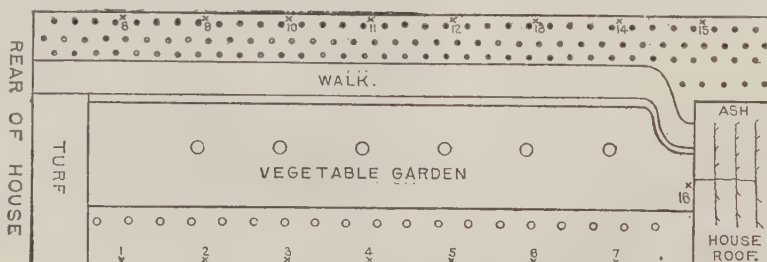
By Mary E. Hardy, Tennessee

Strawberry raising is quite a remunerative employment; and as most of the work is light and has to be done by hand, it is a favorite occupation for those girls and women who either want an independent income of their own, or else crave extra pin money. It is as clean work as can be found, and in these days women have arrived at the sensible conclusion that an outdoor occupation is the best of all, for they not only find money in it, but health as well.

In starting a strawberry bed it would be a wise plan to begin with a few plants for the first year, until you understand the work, then you can easily branch out and enlarge your territory. So, for a first crop, suppose you start with fifty plants which will cost you about four dollars. Have your ground well broken and laid off in rows three feet apart. This piece of work you will have to hire done, as it requires the service of a man with a plow. The best time to have this work done is in October, as cold does not hurt the plants; and they will have time to get thoroughly settled before the berry season comes on next year. But if the fall months are gone you need not be discouraged because the plants may be set out at any time before the first of April. The only difference is that the later they are planted the smaller the first crop will be.

When it comes to setting out the plants you may take charge of it yourself. They should be planted thirty inches apart in the prepared rows. Some put a light layer of straw over the beds, so that it will keep the berries from the dirt, but the majority leave them uncovered.

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A cottage fruit and vegetable garden 25 by 80 feet in extent



Raspberries will grow between apple trees



This Alabama plot is 74 x 52 feet, and from it the children gathered the second year after planting 300 quarts of strawberries. The plants were thoroughbreds from R. M. Kellogg, Three Rivers, Mich., and the above engraving is from his strawberry booklet.

March in the Outdoor Garden.

By Miss Greenlee



A good example of effective shrub grouping

flashing yellow to perfection, and sometimes the myrtle's own blue flowers open before the aconites fade.

The snow-flakes and snow-drops open their first flowers in mild Marches, vying with each other in dainty purity.

The rose-purple flowers of *Bulbocodium vernum*; gay little crocus clumps in violet, white and gold; *Scilla Siberica* in purest blue, and daffodils in many tones of yellow are also welcome heralds of spring. Note how much earlier such flowers appear in gardens protected by shelter belts or evergreen hedges. At the south the yellow jasmine is in flower and hyacinths, tulips, pansies and violets are plentiful already.

In colder climates, where these flowers have not yet made their appearance, as soon as the snow disappears it will be time to partially remove the winter mulches that the leaves beneath them may not be blanched and weakened. To remove all the mulch at once would mean death to the leaves and stems thus exposed. In two weeks, or toward the close of the month, according to season, the rest of the mulch may be raked away.

The evergreen boughs that have protected roses and other plants can be thinned now, too, and later entirely removed, like the mulches.

Sweet Peas and Poppies

Where the climate gives permission there are seeds to sow this month. Even so far north as New York sweet peas, poppies and seeds of some other hardy flowers are sown in March,—must be if their roots are to become thoroughly established in the soil before hot weather.

The hardy perennial borders need early attention also. Some clumps of plants are old and need dividing and resetting. Others have pushed their crowns too high above the surface of the soil and must be planted deeper. In other places the plants stand too thick or the colors of their flowers do not harmonize. It is so much better to do all such work, where possible, before warmer weather starts the plant-crowns into leaf-growth, for watering and shading will be necessary after this.

Poppies have never succeeded with me in any except a sandy soil, so this I give them. They do not transplant readily, so I sow the seed thickly where the plants are to stand and thin them twice, or oftener, as they grow. The seed is so fine that I merely scatter it over the surface of the soil, firm it in with a bit of board, and lay a few evergreen boughs over the bed until the sunshine grows warmer.

Sweet peas are usually sown in trenches, but in a heavy clay soil level culture is best for them. It should be rich but not made so by the addition of fresh fertilizers. Select some spot that was fertilized heavily last year and sow your peas there. If the row can be protected from southern and western suns by a fence, wall, or building, so much the better. If the soil is heavy and tenacious sand and leaf mold added to it will mean longer-lived, much better flowering vines. Sweet peas sown this month should not be covered more than an inch deep. Marking out the row will leave a depression into which another inch of soil can be filled later. Of sweet pea culture more anon, when the seeds come up!

These are flowers that everyone must have galore for cutting, and the more flowers cut, the more will come.

Shrub Grouping and Pruning

Some one asks me concerning the composition of a shrub group. The initial engraving on this page, which is used by permission of Cornell Experiment Station, is a good example of grouping. It contains an exochorda, a reed (*Arundo Donax*), a variegated elder, sachaline, a variegated dogwood, a young tree of wild crab and some tansy plants with aromatic, fern-like leaves. The effect of the great, tropical reed, overtopping the lighter-foliaged exochorda is particularly good. The young crab as it grows older will add a dainty early flush of color in spring, together with a spicy, incomparable fragrance from its flowers. The growth of the crab is also very picturesque. The other plants and shrubs are added merely for variety and color effect, being chosen so that the group will be attractive all summer long.

Some of the hardier shrubs may be pruned on mild days this month,—the hardy hydrangeas, deutzias and others that form their buds on new shoots of the season's growth. To prune heavily those that bloom quite early in spring, and from buds formed last year, means to cut down by just so much the crop of flowers. Forsythias, spiraeas and lilacs are good examples of this type.

The so-called topiary work, or cutting into formal shape of evergreens and shrubs, is mere plant butchery for small and country gardens. Prune out all thin, weak or decayed wood, cutting back straggling shoots and removing suckers that trespass on other shrub groups or borders. Don't cut to mere round or shapely heads, evenly balanced on all sides! Leave the shrub some chance for picturesqueness and originality,—some chance to assume the natural outlines of its species or genus. Different shrubs pruned all according to one pattern or idea are too apt to look all alike in outline after their blooming season is over.

Rose Pruning

The roses naturally most popular in cold climates are the hybrid perpetuals,—hardy, June or garden roses, as they are variously called. Pruning is a most important point in the culture of these roses from the time they are first set in the rose bed. The first pruning, given before they are planted, must be in proportion to the strength of the plant and its root system. All the weaker growth should be cut away, and the stronger branches cut back from one half to one quarter of their length. Use a sharp pruning knife, which does not bruise the stems like shears, and cut just above buds on the outer side of the stems.

The pruning should be done early, usually in March, while the bushes are still dormant. Often it is necessary to cut off from two-thirds to four-fifths of last year's wood, besides the weakling shoots. The

engravings show a fine bush well pruned.

Thorough pruning of this sort gives strong plants and large flowers, with no summer or fall pruning necessary. For a greater quantity of blossoms of smaller size cut back only one half, and remove the flowering shoots after their blossoms have faded.

The climbing and Rambler roses, to which we also give attention in March, do not require such close pruning. From one-fifth to one-third of last year's wood is enough to cut away of these, besides the feeble older flowering wood. When vigorous growth begins new shoots can be trained to fill any bare spaces left by such pruning.

A Prince of Climbing Plants

That the wistaria is well appreciated by those who

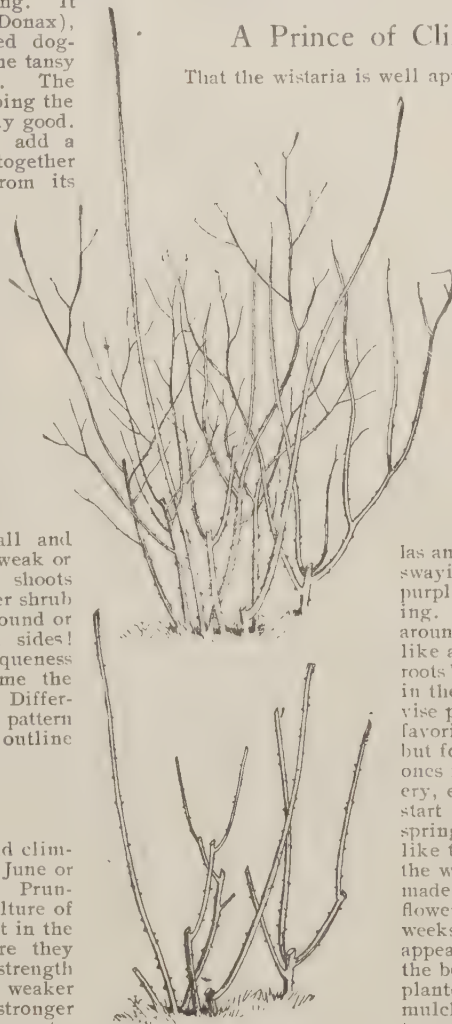
plant vines about their houses is well evidenced by the continued presentations of it in current horticultural literature and the questions concerning it that come to the editor's desk. It is a prince of climbing plants, vigorous, hardy, showy and yet graceful in its lavish profusion of flowers, which appear so early in the season that they are enthusiastically received.

The strong, woody, twisting arms of the wistaria carry its flowers high up among tree branches, over summer-houses, pergolas and housefronts where the swaying masses of lilac or purple flowers are very striking. Its strong rope of wood around a young tree is python-like and strangling, once its roots become firmly established in the soil. I would not advise planting the wistaria near favorite or fine specimen trees, but for unsightly or decaying ones it forms an elegant drapery, especially for trees that start slowly into leaf in the spring. In mild climates trees like the Kentucky coffee tree, the walnuts and pecans can be made beautiful with the flowers of the wistaria some weeks before their own leaves appear. In order to keep up the beauty of a grand vine so planted, yearly fertilizing mulches are necessary, or the tree-roots would rob the vines.

When left to grow untrained some forms of the wistaria sucker abominably. In my Carolina garden we left one to

grow at will over a giant boxwood. The contrast between the dark green of the boxwood and the wistaria's light green leaves and lilac flowers was charming in early spring. But soon we discovered octopus-like arms stretching from its root out into other shrub masses. They skimmed along over the surface of the ground, swelling into strong, whip-like cords ten to twelve feet long and half an inch thick, rooting at intervals. From the underground roots suckers are also frequently sent up in very unwelcome locations. Thus it is necessary to watch and to prune a well established old wistaria lest it become ambitious of inheriting the earth. It will bloom all the better for cutting away the surface arms and suckers.

Several letters upon my table complain of the wistarias' failure to bloom. One principal cause of this is its quick rush of sap in response to the first warm thaws of spring. The flower-buds start quickly, before the leaves, and if cold nights, return even their fuzzy covering does not save them. A few days of cold weather blacken and shrivel the buds. I have noticed that branches with a southern exposure often fail to bloom, while others from the same vine, on the north side of a tree or building bloom beautifully. This suggests the wisdom of planting wistarias where they will not be exposed to much sunshine in early spring.



A hybrid perpetual rosebush "before and after" pruning.



The Chinese Wistaria as it drapes a Rochester house-front in spring



Illustrations by Alton Packard

IT HAPPENED that I was in the throes of an article on "How to Stay Young." The cheerful racket of the youngsters out skating on the pond floated into my den. It sent my mind back to the riotously happy old days, the winter days of my own boyhood, when I didn't foot the coal bills. That was enough to make them joyful.

Those young folks had been out there on the pond since early in the morning. They hadn't seen the morning papers; they hadn't read the latest revelations of the insurance investigation, nor what was doing in Russia yesterday. As I went to the window to watch them I remembered that years ago my winter world was an ice pond, and I didn't worry over bills payable or bills receivable, neither did I doctor for rheumatism.

How we used to watch for the frost on the window panes and for the ice to scale over the river! We tested it every morning, and when someone announced that it was "froze a foot thick," which meant that it was thick enough to bear up a boy and a dog, there was a yell and a mad stampede. We had long been ready for the ice. Most of us had the old-fashioned wood top skates with the runner that curled over the toe like a ram's-horn. It screwed into the heel and hitched on over the front with whatever straps and ropes we could find about the house. When those skates were finally on our feet and plugged tight with wedges and driftwood, our feet resembled bunches of kindling. But the best thing about boyhood is the sublime disregard of appearances.

The aristocrats among us who could raise fifty cents bought the patent pot-metal skate, that took a heel-plate screwed into the boot to hook on to the rear nub, and strapped over the toe. The few aristocrats among us skated pretty much to themselves, and the plug-strap plebeians were a hilarious mob.

My skating costume was not built for beauty. I wore a pair of boots, the kind now out of circulation. That old time boot was without form or comeliness. It was built by a factory that never saw a boy's foot, built out of some sinfully hard-hearted hide that bagged into big wrinkles. Back there my feet grew so fast that father always bought the biggest pair for the money, and I used to stand them by my bed and jump into them in the morning without touching the sides. Those boots could be worn on either foot, which was handy, for if one boot wore out, there was only one new one to buy. It was a fine art to shuffle along and keep them on, leaving a trail in the snow the size of a tennis racket. My morning job was to sit near the kitchen stove before breakfast and rub swine fat into those boots to mellow them. Once I put them in the oven, then forgot them and burned them up, and my heart sank within me at the prospect of going barefoot all winter, for a dollar and a half was a lot of money to squander for another pair of boots. I wore a pair of mother's first efforts at making mittens. They were of bed-ticking, with thumbs sticking out at right angles, and I remember the family laughed every time the mittens came to view. There was a suit of clothes cut much after the fashion of the boots, with bright patches, or the need of

patches, at every angle. Then a monkey-cap that turned down over my face, with holes for eyes, and a red scarf for my neck, completed the costume. A boy would feel badly used to wear such an outfit to-day, but it never then occurred to me there was anything bizarre about it.

Ah! When I am choking in a tall collar at some society function, with a pair of narrow patent leather abominations just beginning to bake, I yearn for a half hour of those blissful, baggy boots.

There is no joy like the frosty joy of that first day on the ice. That picture of the flying mob of tow-headed, big-booted boys is good to call up. If a fellow's skates would stay on, he simply skimmed over the ice like a bird. He could glide with long sweeps, first on one foot, then on the other, then coast with the wind on his outspread coat for a sail. There were a hundred tricks to do, such as whirling and gliding backwards, cutting circles, spread-eagles and grapevines. We played "crack the whip," and I remember the loop-the-loop sensation of being the "cracker" and being flung head over heels. There were breathless races with much bumping together that resulted in black eyes and bloody noses, but there was no ambulance call. We were made of rubber, and rejoiced in bumps; we fattened on falls.

Miles up and down the "crick" we went, speeding up to jump over the "riffle," and shouting our joy when some short-legged lad failed to clear the gap and lit in the bosom of the chilly water. Each fellow tried to skate as near the air-hole as possible and then dared the next one to go closer. There might be miles of smooth ice, but the charmed spot to skate was on the ragged edge of the air-hole. When somebody "dared" us, it was the unwritten law to "go" him, if it meant loss of the scalp, or be a "cowardly calf." This meant that pretty soon some big-booted brave would plump into the water. But we were quick to the rescue, and emptying the water out of him he was soon again in rapid motion with icicles frozen to his coat-tail.

We had a way of pounding on the ice and stunning the fish so that they turned bottom side up and we could catch them through holes cut in the ice. Then we built a fire on the bank, roasted the fish on a stick, and I have yet to find a fish entree on the city hotel menu of the \$10,000 chef that can compare with that stick roast and snow dressing.

And presently some one's honor would be assailed. Tow-headed honor was a precious thing to be jealously guarded. "Take it back or I'll lick ye!" And it would generally have been taken back, but by that time the non-combatants were gathered around. "Give it to him, Sandy!" "Swipe him, Limber Jim!" "One's afraid and t'other da'ssn't!" That started the war. It was a fight to a finish, with forty referees, and after it was over the pugilists forgot all about it and traded knives.

To our surprise, it grew dark. That first day of skating was the shortest day of the year. We dragged home with heavy feet. Possibly I didn't go in the front door, for as like as not I had been sent to the

woodpile that morning to labor, and had forgotten the job and by mistake had gone to the ice. That meant an arrangement with father in the woodshed, but no matter. The joy of the day was worth it. Next morning each skater was most too stiff to get out of bed. If I had worked half that hard sawing wood, I would have considered myself a very much oppressed boy. Too stiff to run errands that day, but that night I had recovered sufficiently to sneak back to the ice.

Whether the ice was smooth, glassy, rough or snow-covered, it was the center of our winter world. The day was too short and we skated with lanterns. We skated over sidewalks, cobblestones, and hitched behind sleds. Sadly we saw the spring thaw come and the ice grow rotten. And likely some warm afternoon a bunch of us went through it and there was some lively rescuing. There was sorrow in the grammar grades when the ice left.

I grew into a gangling youth with a fuzzy lip and a wobbly voice, and about this time I began to look down upon the strenuous kid and his wood-plugged skates. I began to coax Sue Thomas or Jennie Hopper down to the ice. They didn't know how to skate, but I was only too happy to teach them. I was so willing to patiently hitch on their skates for them and guide them through the slippery mazes of the first strokes. I used to despise those trifling, rattle-brained girls. They couldn't fight, run footraces or do anything worth while. But now I preferred to carefully push them about the ice—it was no make-believe, they had to hold on to a fellow. It was thrilling to save them when they capsized. Mary Dugan's first skating lesson was also her last. Mary was a two-hundred-pound daughter of Erin, and when she careened and went down with a scream, she decided to stop skating altogether. Mary would have dropped it much harder, if I had not been caught under the avalanche.

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So the fond memories came back. Still the racket arose from the pond. "I will be a boy once more and go down on the ice. I will enter into their simple sports and cheer their young hearts."

I rented a pair of the new patent nickel devices with five jaws that grab the shoe. "Boys," I said in kindly accents, "I am a skater from 'way back, and I am going to show you how we used to do it." I noticed that my ankles were very unsteady, but I worked my way out to the ice and gave the old time glide that used to swing me gloriously out on the bosom of the pond. But I sat down with astounding suddenness and swung gloriously out on the small of my back.

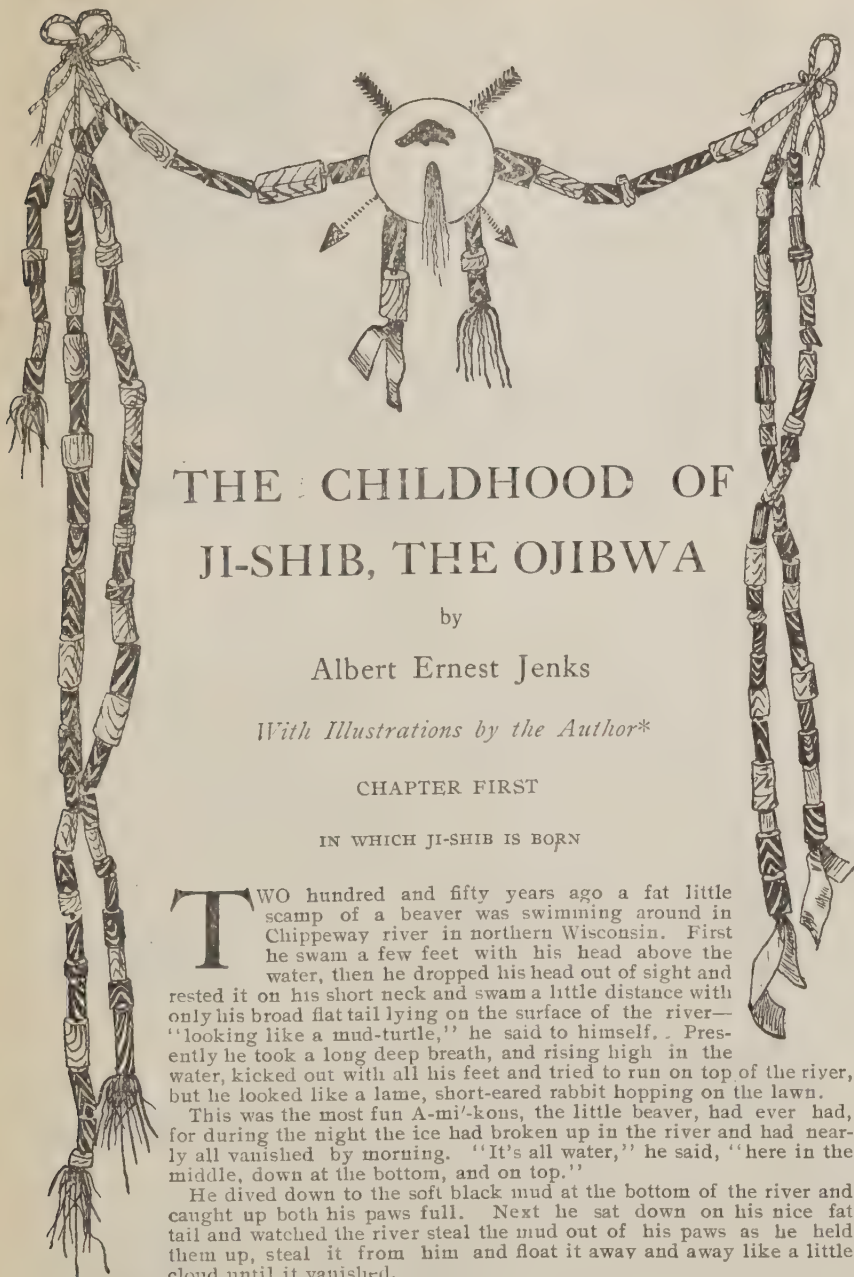
"Hey, kids, that's the way he used ter skate when he wuz er boy!" yelled one irreverent rascal whom I trust will some time be sent to jail.

"Look here, children, you must remember that ice is harder and smoother than when I was a boy. It is also much colder, and I have so much farther to fall than you have." After I had hauled down my feet and arisen, they refused to stay put. They again shot into the air. This grieved me. I felt hurt—hurt in



"I had forgotten the job and by mistake had gone to the ice."

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THE CHILDHOOD OF JI-SHIB, THE OJIBWA

by

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*With Illustrations by the Author**

CHAPTER FIRST

IN WHICH JI-SHIB IS BORN

TWO hundred and fifty years ago a fat little scamp of a beaver was swimming around in Chippeway river in northern Wisconsin. First he swam a few feet with his head above the water, then he dropped his head out of sight and rested it on his short neck and swam a little distance with only his broad flat tail lying on the surface of the river—"looking like a mud-turtle," he said to himself. Presently he took a long deep breath, and rising high in the water, kicked out with all his feet and tried to run on top of the river, but he looked like a lame, short-eared rabbit hopping on the lawn.

This was the most fun A-mi'-kons, the little beaver, had ever had, for during the night the ice had broken up in the river and had nearly all vanished by morning. "It's all water," he said, "here in the middle, down at the bottom, and on top."

He dived down to the soft black mud at the bottom of the river and caught up both his paws full. Next he sat down on his nice fat tail and watched the river steal the mud out of his paws as he held them up, steal it from him and float it away and away like a little cloud until it vanished.

But as that was the very thing he had been doing so often all Winter long, he began to wonder whether it really was all water, especially on the top where he had many times bumped his head. Up he jumped, and kicked with his feet and with his tail, and before he knew it he had jumped himself nearly all out of the water. "Of course it's all water, I knew it was," he said; and then he lay over on his side and floated slowly down stream—lay there and floated along like a baby on a pillow.

He opened his sharp little eyes to look around him. With one eye he saw some tiny fishes under him, and with the other he looked at his Great Father, the Sun. First thing he knew he winked at his Father. A-mi'-kons could not explain why he thought so, but he soon began to feel that there was a joke on somebody, and he actually smiled. He shyly looked up at the Sun, but the Sun was smiling too, and maybe, yes, sir, maybe he winked at the little beaver.

The water was so soft on top, and the air above the water so warm and gentle and fragrant that A-mi'-kons could not lie still another minute. He shut both his eyes tight, and kicked, and kicked. "How fast I am going," he said, when suddenly—*Bum-m-m-mmm!!* "O dear me," A-mi'-kons said half aloud, "what is this dreadful noise? O my nose! Perhaps the water is hard on top after all! Oh dear! O dear!" and the little beaver almost cried out loud.

Just then two tears came into his closed eyes. "A-mi'-kons, let us out," they pleaded, "let us out quick, A-mi'-kons;" and to please them the good little beaver opened his eyes, and there, right by his nose, was one of the posts of the great beaver dam which his father and mother and his aunts and uncles and everyone who lived in the beaver village had built the Fall before. That seemed a very long time ago, for ever since then, until that very morning, the top of the water had been hard, and the only places he could go were just in the water, and down at the bottom of the river to play in the mud, and all around through the beaver house—into every room and out again.

Thus thinking of the long, sunless Winter which was ended, A-mi'-kons crawled up the post against which he had bumped himself, and lay down on top of the dam to think and feel his nose. Each time that A-mi'-kons bumped his nose he liked to feel it every few minutes to see whether it still hurt.

My, how his nose hurt when he touched it! As he lay there combing the water from his fur with his hind feet, the soft sweet air whispered in his ears, "I am Seegwung, I am the Spring." A-mi'-kons looked up and again smiled at the Sun, and the Sun looked down on him and touched him gently and said, "I am Seegwung, I am the Spring." A-mi'-kons felt his own little heart breathe, and soon he heard it lisping, "I am Seegwung, I am the Spring," and he touched his nose and it did not hurt at all.

He leaned out over the edge of the post to look at his face in the water to see whether

his nose was swollen—when all at once a shadow flitted under him, and he looked up. There, poised in the air like a humming-bird before a flower, he saw O-gish-ke-mun-ne-sa, the king-fisher. Suddenly the king-fisher dropped toward the water until he was not higher than a wild plum tree, and there he poised again and turned his head to one side and peered into the water looking for little fishes. Down he dropped again, making the water splash as he dived into it, and caught a minnow for his breakfast. When A-mi'-kons saw that the king-fisher flew away again and was not injured the little skeptic caught himself saying, "Of course it's all water, I knew it was."



Just then five large swans, or some things like swans, came around the bend of the river above him and swam silently and swiftly toward the dam. "Tang-g-g-ghl whshshshsh!" something shrieked, and A-mi'-kons instinctively dodged his chubby head. Before he could say "Jack Robinson" the post was nearly knocked from under him and he felt himself being pulled under the water by his tail. Presently he knew that his mother was talking to him through her teeth still holding his tail in her mouth and dragging him away. "Don't you know an Indian when you see him?" she said. They stopped underneath the dam with their heads out of the water where they might breathe and look out through the sticks without being seen by the Indians.

One of the swans, which were really birch-bark canoes, came toward them, and an Indian in the canoe pulled his arrow out of the post on which A-mi'-kons had been lying. All of the canoes were paddled to the shore above the dam, and the number of Indians and Squaws and children and dogs which jumped on shore all at once was frightful. The dogs barked and rolled and stretched and ran about, and every one talked and laughed all the time.

Soon they began to unload their canoes and carry their bundles around the end of the beaver dam below the shallow water and the stones. Even the little girls carried something—a pet puppy, or a small bundle wrapped up in a deer skin, or anything that they could lug. There were a great many buffalo robes, and moose skins, and elk skins, and packs of warm soft beaver furs for Winter clothing. There were in all about sixty sacks of what the Indians call pemmican, which is dried buffalo meat torn in small pieces, pounded fine, and packed in a bag made of buffalo skin. After it is packed in the bag some buffalo fat is melted and poured over the meat, and sometimes they mix in dried huckleberries too. An Indian prefers pemmican to almost anything else for Winter food. It certainly is good, and the berries in it make it taste rather like a nice Thanksgiving pudding.

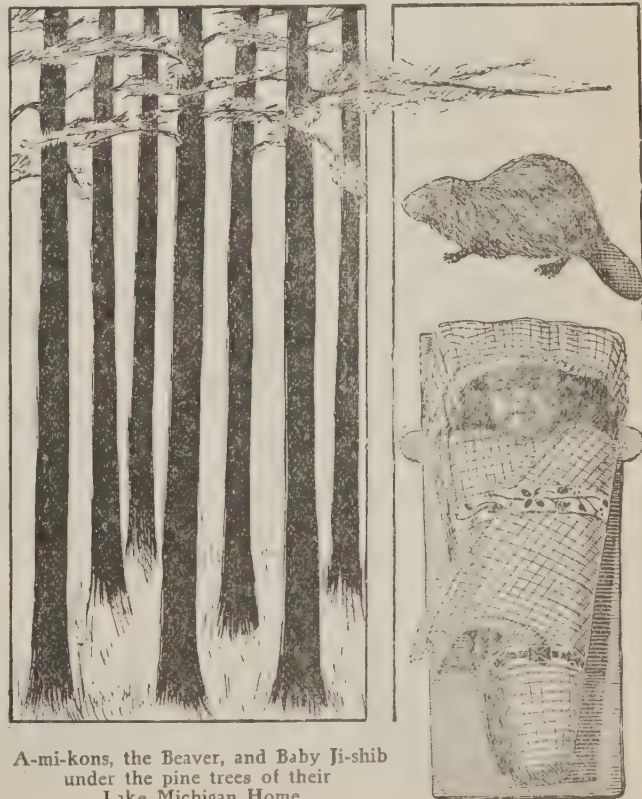
One of the Indians took a small moose skin and tied the four corners together, like the corners of a handkerchief, and hung this moose-skin bag over his arm. He reached into his canoe and took from it half a dozen whimpering little puppies, and put them in the bag. They were all blind yet except two, and all of them were mostly legs. Next he stooped down, and, fastening the packstrap over his forehead, raised up with a heavy sack of pemmican on his back and the puppies on his arm. They wriggled and squirmed all the time, and A-mi'-kons nearly laughed out loud when he saw how proud and foolish the mother-dog looked as she trotted along beside the Indian, never once taking her eyes off that squirming puppy-sack, and never once noticing where she stepped.

"There is Ki-niw, the War Eagle," said A-mi'-kons's mother, pulling his ear partly to attract his attention but mostly so that he would not laugh aloud. "If he had shot at you when you lay day dreaming on the dam, you would not be here now. He never misses what he shoots at."

A-mi'-kons watched the Indian whose name was War Eagle, and he liked him, for he carried a larger load of skins and pemmican than he allowed his Squaw to carry. And doubtless he was a good hunter, too, for after all of the other Indians had carried their packs and canoes below the dam, Ki-niw had scarcely unloaded half of his. It must have been almost evening before his canoe was all unloaded, and A-mi'-kons was startled from some thoughts, which little beavers always have

by hearing an Indian down below the dam calling, "Ki-niw, are you coming?" When the little beaver looked there was Ki-niw above the dam sitting on his last load, but his squaw was nowhere in sight.

Ki-niw got up and walked a short distance until he could see the other Indians below the dam in their canoes ready to start, then he answered, "Yes." "Where is Jin'-gwak!" called back the other Indians (Jin'-gwak, meaning Pine-tree, was the name of Ki-niw's Squaw.) "She has gone into the forest to set a partridge-



A-mi'-kons, the Beaver, and Baby Ji-shib
under the pine trees of their
Lake Michigan Home

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H E'S a mu-ty, crusty old curmudgeon, and I mean to get even with him."

The speaker was a tall, rather rough-looking boy of about fifteen years of age; the audience addressed a crowd of twelve boys, all clumps of his and members of the "U. N. C." The meaning of these letters, no one in Willow Hill had yet been wise enough to discover.

Ted Osborne's sister had thought it might be the "Useless Novelty Club," for the members were certainly all very useless and therefore novelties in the community.

But their own translation of the letters was the "Unlucky Number Club," and their name seemed to suit them exactly. No pranks were played, and no mischief was done in Willow Hill or vicinity, but that this club speedily received all the blame, sometimes justly.

When Till Fink found his coalhouse doors nailed up one cold morning a few days before our story opens, he vowed vengeance upon the boys, who declared they were innocent.

"Sink or swim, live or die, survive or perish, I will get even with Till Fink yet!" continued the speaker of the occasion, while cries of "You bet!" "You're right!" and "You just watch!" came from the audience.

Till Fink, this new enemy, had moved to Willow Hill about a year before, coming from no one knew where and renting a small house on the outskirts of the village. He had, in addition to this, a small garden patch which he cultivated and in this way earned a fair living.

"A cross, crabbed old bachelor who leaves everybody else alone and expects other people to do the same by him," was Willow Hill's verdict, after he had been there a few months.

Now the boys knew that on this particular afternoon Till Fink had labored long and earnestly in chopping a goodly supply of wood for the coming cold wave, and that it was piled in his backyard ready to be carried to the woodhouse early the next morning.

Their plans were soon laid. As darkness settled over the village, soft footfalls and subdued voices might have been heard in Till Fink's backyard had the owner been awake. But his light was out and he slept on, unconscious of the proceedings so near at hand.

"Let's build a nice row of little log cabins around his barn," suggested one of the prowlers.

"Like to see him when he finds it out."

"Wonder if he'll blame the U. N. C. for this?" commented others.

At this the leader of the gang and president of the club stopped short.

"I say, boys," he began, "It seems to me this trick we're playing is rather mean. The poor fellow has worked so hard getting this wood ready for his woodhouse that it seems a shame to make him gather it all up again; besides, it doesn't help us any. Suppose we try a new trick and put his wood away for him. Some 'coals of fire' would help to kindle the wood."

It certainly was hard to administer that kind of revenge, but after a moment's hesitation every boy sprang to his task. Steadily and quietly they worked. The wood was soon stacked in neat piles, the door of the woodhouse closed and a note which read: "Compliments of the U. N. C." tacked up in a prominent place. Then the club departed to await results.

Thursday morning when Fred Osborne asked for his mail a queer-looking envelope was handed to him. "I reckon you can take care of this," said the post-

master. Ted glanced at the address and then looked again.

"To the members of the U. N. C., Willow Hill, Indiana."

"Reckon I can," he replied. This was the first time the club had ever received a letter. Rushing home he rang the old dinner bell with all his might, this being understood by all the boys to mean "Come at once!"

And come at once they did, racing from every direction. Ted mounted to the summit of the wood-pile, tore open the envelope and read:

"Mr. Till Fink requests the company of the members of the U. N. C. at his place of abode, on next Friday evening from eight to ten P. M."

"Whoopee!" some one shouted.

"Shall we go?" came weakly from another.

"Go?" answered Ted, "Of course we'll go! We don't want to miss *this* circus!"

Promptly at eight o'clock, on the evening appointed, the club appeared at Till Fink's house. He had heard them coming and stood in the door ready to greet them.

Such an evening as that was! They played games, sang songs, told riddles, laughed and talked until their host informed them that supper was ready in the kitchen. "A whole pie for every one. Help yourselves," was the announcement.

Before the lunch was over every member of the club declared that Till Fink was the best cook in the town.

"Now for a speech! A speech by the best pumpkin pie maker in Willow Hill!" cried Ted, as the plates were returned to the table. "Speech! Speech!" thirteen lusty voices took up the cry.

Till Fink, the "old curmudgeon," the stingy "old bachelor," slowly straightened himself up. A new light shone in his eyes. "Boys," he began, "I do want to make a little speech. I want to tell you something of my life. I want to tell you how you have helped me."

"I am not an old bachelor, as every one in Willow Hill believes me to be. I

don't know why they think so, for I have not said a word about my life to a soul in this town. Five years ago I had a wife and a home. God knows I loved them both and would have suffered the loss of my good right arm rather than have disgraced either. But when my employer's money disappeared and I had been the only one seen in his office, I was accused of being a thief and was sent to jail to await my trial. Mary, my wife, never lived to see me come home again. By the leniency of my employer I was allowed to go free by paying the money which was lacking. To do that I sold all that was left me, what had been our home. God knows and Mary knows I was innocent!

When I came here it seemed that every one knew my story, that every one knew me as a thief. You might just as well hang a dog as to give him a bad name.

Even the boys laughed at me and played tricks on me. The first kindness done to me since Mary died was when you boys put away my wood for me the other evening. I want to thank you for this and also to ask if you cannot spend every Friday evening with me after this. Being with you seems to keep my mind off of old things and give to me a new desire to live better. Will you come?"

Thirteen voices answered at once. "Three cheers for Till Fink," "three cheers for Friday evening." And as they turned to go. "What's the matter with Till Fink?"

A week from that evening the U. N. C. changed its name, all because of the admission of a new member, and that new member was Till Fink. Thus the lonely man found comrades in a set of merry-hearted boys, and the boys a wise, kind leader.

Magazine Binding At Home

BY SCHUYLER BULL

With Illustrations by the Author

Perhaps you have a set of last year's magazines that you would like to preserve but do not wish to go to the expense of having them bound by a professional. You can do the binding yourself very easily if you wish. Two methods are given here, the first is very simple and quick; the other is slower but gives a more convenient volume where the book is to be much handled. The first step is to arrange the magazines in their proper order, straightening the rumpled or folded leaves and laying them with their backs and tops even.

Next decide if you wish a stiff cover. If so, take two sheets of strong paper the size of the magazine sheets. For Vick's Magazine the sheets would be 12 $\frac{3}{4}$ inches by 20 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches. These sheets should be folded and one put on the top and one on the bottom of the pile. If the simpler binding is used and only a rough job is wanted, these may be omitted, though the sheets will be a good protection whether a stiff cover is wanted or not.

After piling the magazines neatly with the sheets of strong paper in place, clamp them firmly between two sticks, as shown in Fig. 1, and make cuts with a fine saw as shown. If the quick way is desired, make the cuts about three-eighths of an inch deep and make either four or six cuts, according to the size of the magazine. Fill the cuts with glue and take a piece of strong cord and pass it through the cuts as shown in Fig. 2. If the cord is heavy once, as shown, will be enough; if thin, twice is better. Take the Magazines out of the clamps, being careful not to disturb them and set them away to dry. When dry they may be used as they are, or a stiff cover may be put on, as described later. This makes what is called a stiff back such as Century, Scribner's and other similar magazines have.

If you wish to bind your magazines with what is called a limp back, such as ordinary books have, it is a slower job and, as a usual thing, where the book is to be much used, should have a stiff cover. For this kind of binding make the saw-cuts but one-eighth of an inch deep and take them out of the clamps. Drive tacks in the edge of a board to match the saw-cuts and tie a piece of strong cord to each tack. Thread a needle with a long piece of strong linen thread, or grocer's twine, and tie one end to one of the two outside tacks. Now opening the first leaf at its center, pass the needle from the outside through the saw-cut corresponding to the tack to which the thread is tied and make loops through all the other cuts except the end one. Pass the strong cords fastened to the tacks through their proper loops; pass the needle out through the end saw-cut as shown in Figure 3; draw the thread tight and start on the first magazine in the

same way, as is shown in Figure 4. When the thread passes from one magazine to the next it should loop round the strong cord as shown in Figure 4. Continue till all the magazines have been strung as shown in Figure 5, and tie the ends of the thread to the strong cords at the saw-cuts in the ends. Put the magazines between the clamps again and fill the saw-cuts and cover the backs with glue. Take a piece of cloth an inch wider than the back of the book and as long. Make cuts to pass the strong cords through and glue it in place on the back, as shown in Figure 6, and let it dry between the clamps. When dry it may be used as it is, or a stiff cover can be put on.

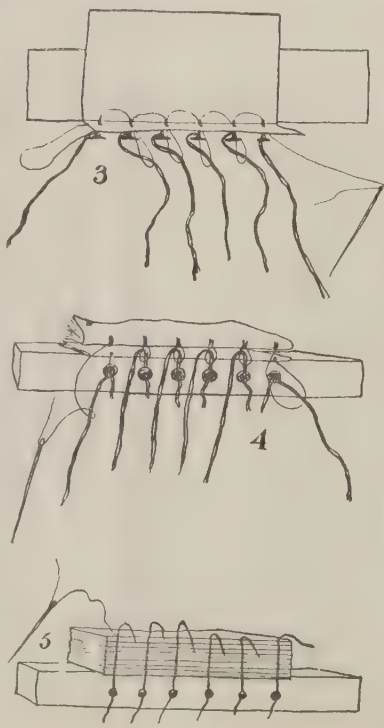
For the cover two pieces of card-board should be cut the same width as the book and half an inch longer. For Vick's, for instance, the boards should be 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches by 13 $\frac{1}{4}$ inches. Make holes to match the saw-cuts in the back, pass the ends of the strong cord through, cover the outside sheets with paste, and putting the board cover in position, clamp the book or put it under heavy weights, so that the card-board will stick well to the outside sheet. When it is dry fringe out the ends of the strong cord and glue them as shown in Figure 7. To give a good finish, a piece of heavy paper cloth, or thin leather should be glued over the back and over the cover at least enough to cover the fringed ends of the cords as shown in Figure 8.

If the stiff cover is put on the stiff back binding, the holes for the fringed-out strong cords are left out but the strong cloth is glued over the back and the outside sheets are pasted to the cover.

It is not best to use a limp-back binding with magazines like Century and Scribner's unless you have had a lot of practice, as they must be taken apart and each set of folded leaves must be strung separately. On the other hand, if more than three months are bound together a very strong cord is needed, for the stiff-back binding. The stiff-back way can be used for binding single sheets, and mounted photographs, etc., and a leather cover decorated with pyrography may be used to make the cover thing of beauty indeed.

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As the Editor Sees It

AFFAIRS AT HOME

A visit from Dowager Queen Margherita, of Italy, is one of the pleasant things in prospect for Americans, though its having been spread abroad perennially for several years rather dims public faith in it. We shall be greatly disappointed, as a nation, however, if the good queen travels incognito, as it is reported she intends to do. In Europe this might be possible, but in America, where royalty is a curiosity, it would be difficult and disappointing. We should not like to have royalty suffer from mob violence as Mr. and Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt recently did in the queen's own country.

The Roosevelt-Longworth wedding is safely over, and we breathe freely and begin to talk of something else again. Perhaps Mr. and Mrs. Longworth may now be allowed to quietly enjoy their honeymoon without the accompaniments which thus far have disturbed them. They are now traveling in the South and will visit the West Indies before their return to Washington. There were many reasons why this wedding was of genuine popular interest—not only in our own country but throughout the world.

One of Mrs. Longworth's wedding guests was the daughter of the Honorable Burke Roche, of the English nobility. On her mother's side Miss Roche is the granddaughter of Frank Work. She prefers the American side of her relationship and has taken out "papers of citizenship." To Americans she is interesting because her approaching marriage with Arthur S. Burden, of New York, reverses the usual order of Anglo-American marriages.

President Roosevelt's Popularity is not waning among thinking people with good judgment and minds of their own. At the recent outbreak of vituperation the President himself is said to have been at first amazed, then concerned and finally amused. Collier's Weekly warns people to be on their guard against the prejudice of Washington correspondents, urging that the corrupt money forces are all ranged against him. "Standing, as he does, on the whole for good, his wide popularity and power of reaching the millions and making them believe in him and in the doctrines he is continually expounding" is one of the most valuable assets in present politics.

Some great men whose recent deaths have not been chronicled in these pages were Marshall Field, William Rainey Harper—President of the University of Chicago—Chancellor Walter Barnard Hill, head of the University of Georgia, ex-Speaker Henderson, King Christian of Denmark, General Joseph Wheeler, Fighting Joe of the Confederacy, and Paul Lawrence Dunbar, the poet. Of them all, the great soldier and King Christian were most conspicuous, best loved and most lamented.

Power versus Scenic Grandeur.—Niagara still remains at the mercy of the power companies, despite the many efforts made in its behalf, and now it is proposed to dam the Colorado river and the Black Canon to develop 500,000 electrical horsepower for use among the Arizona-Nevada mining camps, in Los Angeles and neighboring cities. Is there any way in which the beauty of Yosemite and Yellowstone could be made to turn wheels? And still the magnificent timber of the Southern Appalachian forests, which we have been fighting to save so long, crashes down daily to feed hundreds of sawmills! How old must a nation be before it can realize that such "utility" is really devastation?

Cooking by Cold.—That meat may be cooked by cold has been demonstrated by experiments with liquid air. That a less degree of cold may produce the same effect on vegetables, and that freezing potatoes and fruits may make them more edible than before, is being demonstrated by Dr. Ephraim Cutter, in the Dietetic and Hygienic Gazette. How delightful it will be to cook on a refrigerator in July!

The Wife-Beating Bill, of Representative Adams, of Pennsylvania, providing as punishment for wife-beaters in the District of Columbia "lashes not exceeding thirty, by means of a lash of suitable proportions and strength for the purpose of the act," was lengthily presented and argued by Mr. Adams, but met with ultimate shipwreck. In his message of 1904, President Roosevelt suggested that "probably some form of corporal punishment would be the most adequate means of meeting this kind of crime." But the House declined to take the subject seriously at all. In a perfect gale of fun the members took it up, suggesting that all such delinquent "male persons" should be "bound upon the rack," "pinched with red hot tongs," and wound up with declaring that the lashing should extend to men who cruelly would not marry,—like Mr. Adams, the promulgator of the bill. "Wife-beating," it was further argued, "was a family affair. 'No beating should be done outside the family. How then was justice to be done while keeping the matter in the family!' In other words says the New York Evening Post, "the arguments for mediocrity simply fetched up against the sane, wholesome American sense of humor. The bill was literally laughed into oblivion."

Robert J. Collier, already famous as an editor and disciplinarian of literary scavengers, is one of the young men who might be a mere Sybarite, if he willed, and yet who is always doing things, that need to be done and that it is a wonder some one has not done a long while ago. One of this latest doings was to buy the old Lincoln farm in Kentucky, in order to make a public park of it.

Helen Keller, whose wonderful life the world has watched with such interest for ten years or more, has broken down under the severe strain of her studies and her efforts since leaving college in behalf of the deaf and blind. Her physicians say that it will possibly be months before she will be able to take up her chosen work again. She is said to be mentally alert and cheery, but realizing her need of absolute rest, is quietly taking it, in the hope that thus she may be able to attend a notable meeting in New York March 29th. This meeting is held in the interests of a new movement to aid blind adults in New York. Mark Twain is to preside and Joseph H. Choate will be one of the speakers.

THE OUTLOOK ABROAD

Just as our American Woman suffrage convention is closing it is interesting to note that Sir Charles Dilke has entered the lists as a champion of the enfranchisement of women. If his bill should pass, women would sit in the House of Commons, and peeresses would be hereditary legislators in the House of Lords. It would seem that this last possibility has awakened more resistance to the bill than anything else.

The health of King Edward VII is reported as failing fast. His hair and beard are now white as snow, his face haggard, his voice sometimes inaudible, his gait even more halting than usual. The court physicians are in constant attendance, but deny that his condition is alarming. The fact that the King has aged greatly in the last year is not surprising. The almond tree had begun to flourish when he took up the cares and worries of sovereignty.

In France the election of President Fallieres was so quiet and peaceful that it was hardly noticed by the world. M. Fallieres is of humble, though not peasant, origin. He began life as a country barrister; was elected to the chamber of deputies, where he soon distinguished himself. Next he became minister of the Interior, then Premier, and has been President of the Senate for six years, rising now, in his sixty-fifth year, to the Presidency. By the world generally he is regarded as a man of good, sound, moderate views.

The Castellane Case in Paris and the sad plight of Anna Gould, now suing for separation from her profligate husband, has aroused much moralizing comment. Many commend her spirit and others decry international marriages. In the eleven years of his married life Count Boni has joyfully spent \$7,400,000, with which some philanthropist on this side of the water,—Miss Helen Gould, for instance,—might have accomplished wonders for public welfare, instead of its being frittered away on "the follies and sensualities of this degenerate little voluptuary." It is suggested that Count Boni will sue for support!

By the death of King Christian of Denmark, there disappears one of the simplest and most unaffected of home circles, says the London Sketch. Frederick the VIII can hardly be expected to become such a rallying point for his relatives who wear the great crowns of Europe as his father was. No little coterie of business men, freed from the city for a day or two, could amuse themselves at some secluded spot with more freedom and appreciation of the joy of living than did the Emperors and Kings who gathered about Fredensborg, King Christian's country place. The Tsar of Russia in his shirt-sleeves, carrying a tiny princess pickaback through the woods; the Kaiser and King Edward VII, who is a great child-lover, romping with the babies, made part of one of the most homely yet august gatherings Europe has ever known.

Madame Wu-Ting-Fang, wife of the ex-ambassador, is reported as undergoing an operation to restore her tiny, helpless feet to their normal shape. This is the first time that an attempt has been made to restore the deformed Chinese foot, though many Chinese ladies of rank have left off having their children's feet bandaged. It is hoped that Madame Wu's example will be widely followed.

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The Fakir Escapes and Again Takes Up His Trade

CONTINUING THE CONFESSION OF WILLIAM B. MOREAU AS TO HIS SWINDLING GAMES
AMONG THE FARMERS OF WESTERN NEW YORK
FIFTH INSTALLMENT

This series of articles began in October, 1905, and will be concluded in the April number, thus covering most of the operations of this nefarious gang of swindlers. We publish these papers as much to warn our readers against such rogues as Moreau and Ganly as for interesting reading.

IT COULD hardly be expected that a man of Moreau's ingenuity would stay long behind the bars which "gave pause" to his career in our last chapter. The farmers of Western New York had no such good fortune. Soon he was abroad in the land again, shrewder, subtler, more cautious than before.

It is thought best this month to give his story of several swindles which he found to work unusually well among his victims. To the editor's personal knowledge these tricks have been tried in the homes of several readers of Vick's Magazine.

THE CRAYON SWINDLE

"It was not always convenient for us to make big strikes, besides it was often policy for us to take a very decided departure from our last schemes. So, once in a while, we resorted to the crayon swindle. It was easily worked, and while we did not make hundreds at once, still a week's aggregate amounted to considerable money. Roberts was the father of the scheme and coached all of us on how to work it. We carried excellent samples of crayon work and stopped at the best hotels. Then we advertised for active, well-known young men and ladies, offering \$15 a week in salary. We divided the territory and put on as many as we could get. We were extra particular about our agents being 'honest, sober and industrious,' and 'getting a job with us was,' we stated, 'a great prize, as we kept our agents as long as they desired to stay, and promotion and increase of wages were sure to follow in quick succession.'

"The low price for the excellent work shown made it easy for the young men and women to secure orders, and, as fifty cents had to accompany each order, we put away a neat sum each evening. We gave every one a receipt for the deposit and the picture to be enlarged. We made a great fuss in packing up the pictures, and in some instances actually sent them to New York, to some fictitious street and number. This served to create confidence, for every villager generally knows even the express business of his town.

"Well, we raked in about \$275 a week and left most places, forgetting to settle with the agents, stores and saloon keepers. We worked this racket everywhere."

BIOGRAPHY SWINDLES

"The biography scheme was one of our pet money getters. In the first place it had the advantage of almost hypnotizing a weak subject by playing on his bump of vanity. Ganly was a general in this line and I never worked it without him. On the biography racket we appeared very different from what we did when selling farming implements or bogus seeds. We appeared as city chaps—editors of the great 'Cyclopaedia of Biography,' and, of course, put on more airs than a farmer exhibiting an agricultural implement at a county fair. Our good-morning bow was always received with a pleasant reply, for we were generally taken for millionaires or missionaries, which, in such cases, amounted to about the same thing.

"After a general beating around the bush, during which we learned all about the farmer's family (he was always selected because he was descended from an old family with a long pedigree) we introduced our business. We explained that only prominent families' names were admitted to the pages of our 'great' biography. Having already learned the various positions held by members of the family, we always drew the line at the height of the family's prominence—shutting out all others. Then a sketch of the old general, colonel, corporal or justice of the peace, as the case demanded, was produced for correction or endorsement. We never urged an order, saying the work must be got out and be complete, leaving no prominent family out.

"In the meantime we had already secured an order for a complete set of books by the farmer's signature endorsing what he supposed was only the biographical sketch. Later, the farmer was obliged to receive and pay for a set of worthless books that cost him from \$16 to \$40. He squirmed and claimed that there was a mistake, but had to pay for fondling the shiny city reptiles. Sometimes we sold books when the purchaser felt sure he was buying only a single volume, but a little later a man came along with several more, completing a set. A kick was then made, but the fakir had the written order, and although some of the victims took the matter to the courts, they were obliged to pay the bills. Of course the canvassers were not around at the time of settlement."

GHOULS AT A TOMB

"As I intimated before, when we came near being trapped in one thing we were resourceful enough to find something else to tackle. It was while debating in our minds what next to take up that Wells, who was with me at the time, conceived the idea of cleaning monuments. Wells suggested it as we were rapidly driving by a cemetery, to evade the clutches of the law for constables were on our trail. We had just skinned some people near Lockport, N. Y., on a few lightning-rod deals, and to cap the climax Wells took in a know-all young chump on the innocent-looking shell game.



"We always tried to avoid meeting the farmers' wives, who had, on several occasions, made us trouble."

chronological editor. He called upon an aged couple and told them that he was writing up a chronological history of the country, and that special mention would be made of people that had crossed the dark river, and that photographs of their tombs would be taken and printed in the book. This would be done whether people subscribed for the work or not.

"After taking sufficient data to write a sketch of the life of the deceased and promising to return inside of a week to take a picture of the monument, Wells left the old couple in a quandary, for they knew the monument was moss-covered. A few hours later I called on the old couple with 'a cleaning preparation that had recently been patented.' I was anxious to convince them of the merits of the article on anything. It was at this point that a Mrs. Lampeer suggested to clean the monument. I referred to it as a big job, but as I had several men, said we could do it in a few days.

"I then told the farmer he had better give me an order on the sexton to permit us to do the work. He wanted to know what the work would cost. I told him not over twenty-five dollars, and the monument would be as good as new. After much persuasion I got him to sign what he supposed was an order to the sexton, which he carefully read over. I said, 'Mr. Lampeer, you had better rest the paper on this book to write on,' then drawing a book from my pocket and taking the paper from his hand, at the same time looking him in the eye and turning the paper end for end. Then I held the paper firmly on the book and Mr. Lampeer signed his name to a bank note for—we afterwards filled it in at \$350.

"We cleaned the monument in a few hours and pocketed \$25. I then took the old couple to the cemetery to give Wells time to cash the note. When he got the cash he came near where we were and gave me the signal that all was satisfactory; so I bade my aged friends good-bye. The cleaning swindle was bad enough, although it is practised every day; but the other act was downright robbery. It was a bold move, but I had prepared for it and was bound to carry it out. Of course Mr. Lampeer had to pay the note, after making a vigorous kick, and the chronological history has not yet been written."

THE PIANO TRICK.

"One of the easiest tricks of the trade to work was the piano racket. It was 'dead easy,' because the principal obstacles to be feared in other deals—women's objections, were nearly always removed in this. For our other tricks we kept out of their way when we could, but often the farmers wives would come in at the wrong moment, see through our scheme and have us put out. They always wanted a piano, though, particularly if it cost 'poppy' nothing but his great influence and kind words during his spare time. We worked it this way: One of us appeared as a piano agent for a Philadelphia firm. We asked permission to place a piano in the house on exhibition, with the privilege of sending customers there to see and try the instrument. We promised the farmer to make him a present of the piano if three persons who would try the instrument would buy one each. When the man's consent was obtained a piano was placed in his house. Before leaving we got the farmer to sign what purported to be a paper stating that the instrument was stored in his house. About a week later my partner appeared with a genuine order for the piano—the one the farmer signed—for \$400. We invariably got a note as a law-suit for such things are distasteful to a farmer, although he will go to law with his neighbor for the most trivial cause.

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Floor Coverings.

To Keep Rag Carpet from Raveling.—If you are having a rag carpet woven this is a good way to keep the lengths from raveling when cut. Measure off the lengths by a white string carried down the edge of the web and just before she reaches the end of a length have your weaver fill in with two inches or more of chain filling instead of the rags. Do this at the end of each length, cut lengths off in the middle of the chain filling, and hem them back on the carpet.—N. E. T.

To Keep Linoleum Bright.—Any one who uses linoleum can prolong its life wonderfully by applying a good furniture polish twice a year. I have a linoleum in my dining room that has been treated in this way. It is still as bright as ever and has been in constant use for five years.—C. E.

Another Way.—Clean with a mop, using half milk and half water—no soap is necessary. Oiled and painted floors can be kept nice in the same way.—A. H.

Cleansing Agents.

Bath Mitts.—Cut two pairs of straight mittens, with holes for thumbs, from a piece of turkish toweling; they can be sewed up by hand or machine in a few minutes. When you bathe, have ready a pan of hot water, put on one pair of the mitts; wet and soap them well. Rub over the whole body quickly and thoroughly. Set aside the soapy water and mitts, rinse the hands, put on the other clean pair of mitts, and with a pan of clear water rinse the body, rubbing briskly with the clean wet mitts. After bathing rinse out and wring as dry as possible the last pair of mitts, and rub the body all over, wringing out the mitts as often as necessary. See how quickly you can take a thorough and healthful bath in this way!—M. M. M.



To Cleanse Soiled White Woolen Dresses, or cloaks, use corn-meal, sprinkled on thickly. Rub very little, but let the meal remain all night, then rub well and brush, and the garment will be as clean as when new.—A. G. T.

To Clean Spectacles.—Rub them with soft tissue paper. It is much better than a cloth. Washing them with equal parts of water and alcohol will make them very clear. Alcohol will clean glass bottles beautifully.—H. B. B.

Practical Pointers.

To Stop a Leak Around a Chimney.—Get some old rosy paint and spread it around thoroughly where roof and chimney meet.—J. A.

To Clean a Clock.—If your clock stops frequently and unaccountably saturate a tuft of cotton as large as a hen's egg with kerosene oil and lay it inside the clock door on the floor of the clock. The re-

sults from evaporation of the kerosene will surprise you.

To Adjust Old Casters.—If the wood around a caster is worn so that it will not stay in place, bore a larger hole, fit in a plug of wood—hard wood is best—and in that bore a hole to fit the caster.—M. F.

Kindling Ideas.

Cobs.—If kindlings are scarce, you will find an excellent substitute in cobs. Dip them in kerosene and put into the kindling box. Then to start a fire in the store, or house, use one or two each time. Where oil is habitually used it will save both oil and danger to dip the cobs in oil instead of pouring oil on the cobs.—L. M.

Newspapers.—If those who are accustomed to use kerosene to start fires will take instead a good sized newspaper, crush it up well and place good dry chips or split kindling on top, then light with match will find it much better than kerosene.—C. E.

Pretty and Practical Trifles.

Cocoon Doll's Cradle.—Select a good sized cocoon. With a fine, keen saw cut from the stem end two-thirds the way across lengthwise. Cut down to this and remove the piece, which should be about two-thirds of one-half of the shell.

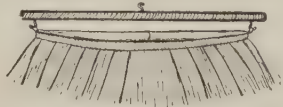


Remove the meat from the larger piece of shell and fit on rockers. If care be exercised, holes may be bored with a gimlet, twist drill, or burned through with a hot wire. This may be polished, painted, ornamented with ribbon and bows, cushioned and pillowed to your taste and become a fairy cradle for your little girl's wee dollies.—E. H.

Ribbon Holders.—Take ribbon from one to three-fourths inches wide, and of any desired length. Tack down the ends and at intervals of two or three inches between them with brass tacks. In these openings hang the good man's pipes. Use the same device on porch or wall for my lady's palm leaf or Japanese fans.—A. H. B.

A Skirt-Hanger for Three Cents

Procure a straight, smooth stick, about fifteen inches long, and three-fourths of an inch square; a piece of broom handle will do. Measure on it half one's waist measure and at those points screw in brass hooks (china closet hooks kept by



any hardware dealer). Then, on the opposite side, and exactly between the two hooks, put another to hang up by. Sew the hangers on the skirt band exactly half way between front and back of skirt. Fasten the band, and slip the hangers on the hooks. The skirt will hang straight and smooth. A number of skirts may be hung on one hanger if it is suspended from the middle of the ceiling or shelf in wardrobe, and thus save much room. The total cost is not over three cents.—L. H.

Clothes Hanger.—Cut a wooden barrel hoop in halves, cover each piece with strips of cloth sewed firmly in place. Tie a strong cord in the middle to form a loop to hang by. In this way several garments can be hung on the same nail without wrinkling. If preferred ribbon may be used in place of the cloth strips.—C. B.

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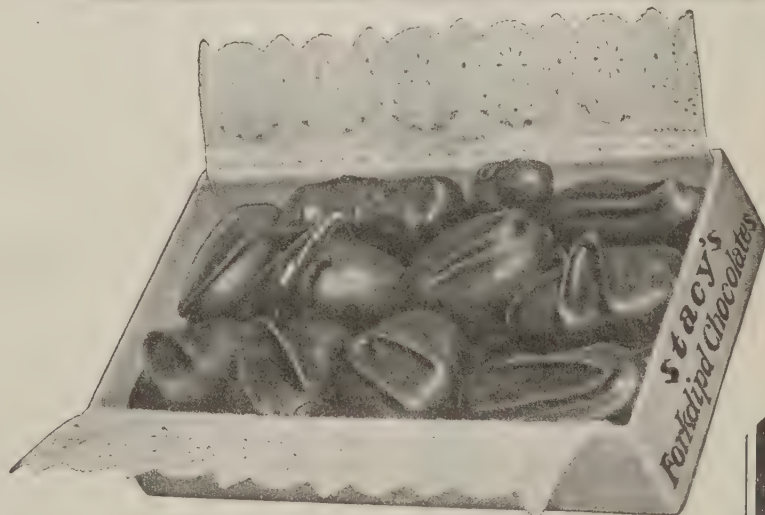
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Cold Weather Wisdom.

For Cold Feet.—Old people, or any one who suffers with cold feet at night, try this good way to keep them warm. Fold a light blanket once, then turn up one end one and one-half or two feet and fasten with two safety pins on each side. When getting into bed thrust the feet down into this pocket and pull the long end up over hips and body and see if it is not comfortable. I have used one for several years in winter, and feel that I could not do without it.—M. L.

Soapstone Footwarmers.—These are common in many old New England homes. I do not urge them as a new idea, but merely their exceeding "comfortableness" in cold weather. I was a semi-invalid from sciatic rheumatism, suffering beyond description, not able to walk for weeks, sometimes, suffering all the time. My body was full of pain everywhere, even to my head. We were poor and the children too small to take the work on their hands, so I saw nothing but misery for myself and them unless I could get better. I thought that if I could keep my feet and limbs warm I would not suffer so much. Accordingly I sent to a Chicago house and bought two soapstones. I kept one of them under my feet by day all the time, heating one while using the other one. At night I took a scorching hot one to bed, wrapped in a cloth and put it to my feet. I kept this practice up from Thanksgiving day 1904, till May, 1905, every day. I have never seen a day since Thanksgiving day, 1904, that I could not walk. My pains and aches through my body are gone, my head is clear, I have not had any doctor's bill to pay; the children have a mother and I am my own housekeeper. The winter of 1904 to 1905 was the first winter I escaped having la grippe since I was grown, twenty-four years. When I have to sew on the sewing machine and the day is cold, I heat one of the soapstones on the stove to heat and have them warm for the children's cold feet as they come trooping in benumbed with the cold, and it saves them many sore throats and ear aches. They hover around the stones like chickens under a warm hen. On very cold days I heat the stones pretty hot, then put a candy pall lid under the stones to keep them from scorching the carpet.—B. Q.

Good Storm Doors can be improvised of the summer screen doors with oil-cloth tacked over them, or building paper can be used in the same way where the door is protected from rain by a porch. This paper costs only two cents per yard and lasts all winter. Take off the thin strips from the screen door, lay the oil-cloth or paper over the wire and again tack on the strips, which hold the protection firmly.—A. C. W.

Get Ready for the Next Blizzard.—The severity of the past two winters in southern as well as northern states ought to teach women a much-needed lesson. The great majority of them persist in wearing the same clothing in the severe weather that they wear ordinarily, the women of the south clinging to their cotton house-dresses while they shiver over the grates. Some are thinly clad from sheer vanity and deserve what the negroes sentimentally call "de wooden ovah-coat," but others are simply neglectful, or unselfishly deny themselves warmer garments because other demands are put first. Alas that they are just as likely to get "de ovah-coat" as their foolish sisters! Many who don heavy cloaks and furs for outdoor trips will go

from warm beds clad in almost summery garb to cold kitchens to prepare breakfast. Here they stand upon cold floors, handle icy cold dishes and frozen foods. It is work like this, not the trips in the open air, that causes the ugly cough, the chilblains, and the rheumatic pains.

For such mornings, whether they be few or many, let a woman provide herself with warm hose, felt slippers, woolen skirts and flannel waists. She may be opposed to wearing anything but washable dresses in the kitchen, as I have heard many assert, but for the bitterly cold weather she should lay aside these scruples for health's and comfort's sake.

If economy must be considered, she will find it greatly to her advantage to buy the felt shoes and woolen wear in the spring or early summer when the best can be had at a fraction of their fall price.

It is the unpreparedness of women that causes them so much suffering—that makes real heroines in even well-to-do homes when the annual blizzard swoops down upon us.—L. McC.

Pretty Pot Covers.

For Ferns.—I had such a pretty pot of ferns and just the place for them in my bow window. I almost coveted a pretty fern dish for them but could not afford it. So I took a strip of celluloid, cut it slightly circular, as when cutting out the collar for a dress, and scalloped the lower edge. I touched up the edges of the scallops with gold paint, fastened the gold and white strip firmly around the edge of the pot, allowing it to flare considerably, and set the pot in a white saucer with a gilt rim. I do not need to covet anyone's fern dish now.—G. L.

Of Crepe Paper.—These are easily made and hide much ugliness sometimes, as the average woman sometimes presses into service for her window plants some very homely vessels. The only foundation required for a cover is a strip of cardboard two inches wide and long enough to reach around the flower pot. Two rolls of paper will be enough to make a cover of ordinary size. The paper is doubled in the center, and a second roll is laid an inch below. These are cut evenly at the bottom and gathered with a needle and thread. A four-inch ruffle is gathered for the bottom and also fastened. A band and bow of satin ribbon complete the cover, as shown in the sketch.—N. Q.

Of Ribbon.—I made a pretty cover for one of my flower pots from seven lengths of plain satin ribbon. Each piece is finished in a point at the bottom, on which a heavy bronze bead is sewn, to weight as well as to ornament it. At the top the lengths of ribbon are folded over and stitched down so that a stout elastic band can be passed through them, holding the lengths, which droop down over the pot together, and also holding them firmly around the pot. Such a cover can be quickly removed and is exceedingly pretty if made of moss or olive-green and tipped with white or crystal beads.—M. M.

Chicken Comforts.

To Keep Fowls Warm.—I feared my chickens would have their toes and combs frozen off these cold March nights, so I tried various ways of keeping them warm. The best one was to take a tall, straight milk can, partially fill it with hot ashes and small coals shaken from the grate, and hang it up to a hook in the roof, so that the fowls pass close under it to reach their roosts. It is funny to see them crowd each other to get to roost close under their heater!—C. H. H.

A Chicken Cure.—Three of my hens must have had la grippe, as white folks do; they died, anyway, with something like it. As a remedy I tried dropping a lump of copperas as large as a walnut in their large pan of drinking water. The water soon turned a muddy green color, but the chickens continued to drink it, and all the other diseased ones were cured. Try this cure and report.—V. L.

To Kill Hawks.—In mixing the food for small chickens, add about a teaspoonful of pulverized nux vomica to the allowance for two dozen chicks, repeating

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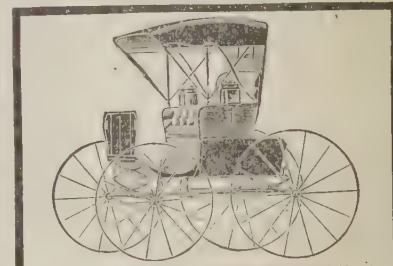
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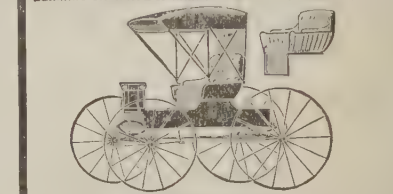


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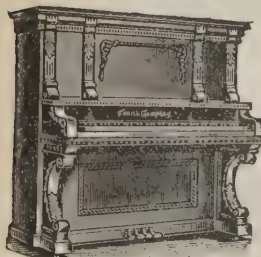
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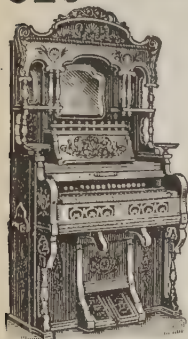
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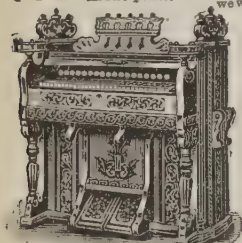
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Fancy Work for March Evenings

New and Pretty Lamp Shades

In homes where many lamps are in use, in the guest-room and other bedrooms, the living-room and the parlor, there is afforded the young lady of the house a delightful opportunity to try her skill in making up a variety of pretty lamp shades. Indeed, this style of fancy work vies favorably with that of the couch pillow, and like it, there is always some charming novelty to keep up our interest.

Purchase suitable-sized shades for your lamps, just the frame with its plain transparent cover. With this for a foundation, and clever fingers, you have infinite possibilities of pretty shades.

If you can use a brush fairly well, paint the shades in water colors. Tint in the background lightly, then disport butterflies over it, on the wing, in groups,



or hovering over a tall-stemmed flower. Study nature and come as close to the natural pose of the flower and the gauzy-winged fluttering things you seek to paint, as you can. Dragon-flies are very effective hovering over reeds and rushes. Flowers are always beautiful, especially in vine effects to trail around a shade, with little off-tendrils, as a morning-glory vine, trumpet flower, and the like.

FLOWER SHADES OF CREPE PAPER.

The girl who can make paper flowers can do some beautiful work in this line for lamp shades, using the same style of shade as a foundation. Cut out the petals of flowers, as in the "rose shade," pasting them in place, slightly lapping them over. The flower petals that are favorites for this work are poppies, roses and small sunflowers, on account of the adaptable shapes and pretty colors. The material used may be the ordinary crepe paper, or the handsomer quality of silk-crepe paper. Chrysanthemums and roses are most decorative. In covering frames with the flowers, graduate them in size, the larger ones at the bottom, and do not place them too closely together; let the light gleam through between. Sew on the edge of shades fringed lengths of the same colors.

SHADES FROM ARTIFICIAL FLOWERS.

If you have a handbox of faded artificial flowers that are of no earthly use, you think, just overhaul them! Smooth out the crumpled leaves and dip the flowers in their natural-color dye. When dry arrange them artistically on the lamp shade, sewing them in place.

Worn out chiffon can be dyed in lovely light tints of green, blue, pink, and the like, to match the furnishings of the room the lamp is intended for. Make a fluffy ruff of it for the top and bottom of the shade, and in between, whatever there is space for. Small maple leaves in autumn tints can be pasted in place, or the leaves left over from your faded flowers.

THE ROSE-LEAF LAMP SHADE.

The "rose-leaf shade" lamp is a banquet style, with its lamp in a rustic holder. An ordinary-sized bracket lamp is set in its bronzed holder. This iron holder is securely soldered to a length of gas-pipe which rests on the floor in a solid block of heavy wood. This crude but strong support of the lamp is entirely hidden with a bit of twisted grapevine. Where the piping was not completely hidden, pieces of lichen were cunningly fastened in place by the clever woman who had contrived this charming novelty. Another one that she made had the block of wood at the bottom covered with soft velvety green moss. The bowl of the lamp was hidden with soft bark lichens. Twigs and twisted branches of young, supple birch, spread over the bottom moss and reached up to the lamp bowl, spreading out to enfold it.

T. Celestine Cummings.

A Whisk-Broom Holder

A very pretty whisk-broom holder is made in heart-shape. The back, which is of stiff pasteboard, is covered with blue silk, as is also the three-inch band which forms the front of the case. The ends of this band are shaped to correspond with the back midway between top and bottom. Brass rings one-half inch in diameter are crocheted-covered with blue silk, then sewed together in a strip as long as the width of the band. The rings are then sewed between the ends of the band and the back of case. A spray of golden-rod or the monogram of the owner is painted with diamond gold paint on the band. Brass rings are sewed to the top of the case to hang it by and are concealed by bows of ribbon.

A spray of lily of the valley embroidered on the front and bows of white ribbon at the top makes a very pretty case. Asiatic fibre is the size of silk to use for such work.

Priscilla Pry.

Pretty Laundry Bags

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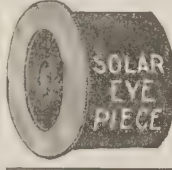
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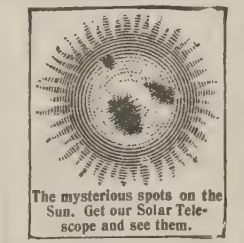
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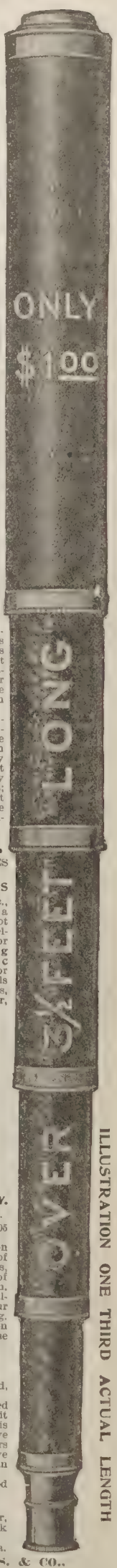
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The between-seasons time is always a perplexing one, for there are many bright days which bring a demand for something new and attractive, while it is not yet warm enough to don spring clothing. In the illustration are shown two designs, that are in every way admirable and that amply fulfill the need, yet which can be utilized as models for the warm weather



Pattern No. 5247.

if lighter weight materials be chosen. The costume to the left includes one of the jaunty little Etons that are to make such a noted feature of the coming season and is made of broadcloth trimmed with velvet. In this instance the fronts of the Eton are cut out on indicated lines, the space being filled with shirred portions that give a novel effect; but they can be left plain if a simpler jacket is desired. Also, if preferred, the full-length sleeves can be used. The skirt is nine-gored and has panels between the gores that are plaited at their lower portions, plain at the upper. In addition to serving for the thinner materials of the early season, the model will be found an attractive one made up in the heavy linens that are to be worn throughout the summer.

The quantity of material required for the Eton is 33 yards 21 inches wide, yards 27 inches wide or 1 1/4 yards 44 inches wide, with 1/2 yard of velvet. For the skirt 11 1/4 yards 27 inches wide, or 6 1/4 yards 44 inches wide will be needed if material has figure or nap; 8 1/2 yards 27 inches wide, or 5 yards 44 inches wide will be needed if material has figure or nap; 7 1/2 yards 27 inches wide, or 3 1/2 yards 44 inches wide when it has not waist No. 5129, is cut in sizes for a 22, 24, 26, 28 and 30-inch waist measure.



Pattern Nos. 5232 and 5233

be enough if it has not. The Eton pattern, No. 5210, is cut in sizes for a 23, 34, 36, 38 and 40-inch bust measure; the skirt pattern,

No. 5129, is cut in sizes for a 22, 24, 26, 28 and 30-inch waist measure.

The costume to the right is made with one of the new coats that are in reality blouses, while they give an Eton effect. In the illustration the material is Venetian cloth trimmed with Oriental banding, the color being reseda green. The blouse portion is made of silk and over this is arranged the Eton of the cloth. The two close together and are held at the waist line by a pointed belt. The skirt is made in three pieces. The front gore is plain, while the circular, side and back portions are tucked over the hips and trimmed with bands of the material.

The quantity of material required is, for the coat, 3 1/2 yards 21 inches wide, 3 yards 27 inches wide or 2 1/4 yards 44 inches wide, with two yards of silk 20 inches wide for the blouse portions. For the skirt, 12 yards 21 inches wide, or 5 yards 44 inches wide will suffice.

The coat pattern, No. 5232, is cut in 32, 34, 36, 38 and 40-inch bust sizes; the skirt pattern, No. 5233, is cut in 22, 24, 26, 28 and 30-inch waist sizes.



Fancy Blouse, 5264, and Full Gored Skirt, 4732.

A Simple Afternoon Gown.

The afternoon gown made of henrietta, veiling, taffeta or some similar material in simple style, is a pronounced favorite. In the illustration is shown a satisfactory model that includes the chemisette that always is so dainty and charming and that allows a choice of full length or elbow sleeves. In this instance the skirt is made in round length and the cuffs are of the material banded with lace, while the chemisette is of French plique similarly treated; but there are almost innumerable suggestions that might be made. The chemisette can be made either separate or in one with the waist. When separate it is so easily changed and renewed that it is quite possible to make use of a variety with a single gown.

The deep cuffs are among the latest features of fashion where the sleeves are worn long, but the elbow sleeves finished with frills are always pretty and attractive for home wear. For the medium size will be required, for the waist, 3 1/2 yards of 27-inch material, or 2 1/2 yards 44 inch, with 1/2 yard and a width for the chemisette and 5 1/2 yards of 1 banding; for the skirt 9 1/2 yards 27-inch material, or 5 1/2 yards 44 inches wide if material has figure or nap; 7 1/2 yards 27 inches wide, or 3 1/2 yards 44 inches wide when it has not waist No. 5253, sizes 32 to 40 inches bust, or of the skirt, No. 5135, sizes 22 to 30 inches waist.

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Helps for Home Dressmakers

By May Manton

March is the first calendar month of the spring, but more often means cold and blustery weather than balmy days, yet, in spite of that fact, it brings a certain demand for early spring costumes. There are some days on which they can be worn and it is also a time for preparing for the milder April, which so soon is to follow. Again, the month is apt to mean comparative leisure for the busy housewife, and consequently is one much given over to sewing.

This year fashions are extremely charming and attractive and, if a little care be exercised, quite modish garments can be made without undue labor and without especial skill.

Short coats are to be the rule, and among them the Eton is a favorite. In the model 5210 is to be found one of the very best and simplest that will amply reward the trouble of making and that need involve no technical difficulties. In the illustration it is made of a pretty gray suiting, trimmed with velvet and with white braid and handsome buttons. The fronts are cut out to give a fancy effect, the spaces being filled with a shirred portion of the material, and the sleeves are in three-quarter length.



5210 Eton Jacket,
32 to 40 bust.

While this is an exceedingly smart style, the plain fronts are equally correct, and, being a bit simpler, are apt to be safer for the amateur. Again, long sleeves can be used if liked, although if the coat is designed for dressy wear, the three-quarter length is in every way to be desired, as being by far the more fashionable. To get the very best results, the thinnest sort of tailor's canvas should be basted over the material before it is lined, as this will give a certain finish and quality that cannot be obtained in any other way and will also aid largely in the fitting. The canvas is just stiff enough to give body to the whole, while it is also perfectly pliable. The collar and the cuffs will need to be similarly interlined but the sleeves should be left soft. Bandings of all sorts are greatly in vogue for trimming. Plain Hercules braid sewed round the edge of the jacket is also stylish and is the simplest of all things to apply. The little coat will be found suited to all spring materials and is jaunty and attractive in every way, while involving the least possible labor in the making.

The skirts of the season are of many sorts but the most fashionable of all are circular, showing one variation or another of this design. No. 5255 is one of the latest, simplest and best, found desirable for all spring suitings and also for some of the lighter weight materials of really warm weather. There is a front gore which is laid in plaits that are turned toward one another and stitched flat, and the fullness at the back is laid in double inverted plaits that give a similar effect. The one difficulty for the amateur to overcome is the tendency of all circular skirts to sag, but this can be completely and readily obviated by adhering to the following simple directions. The skirt should first be cut, seamed, plaited, fitted over the hips and joined to the belt. This done, it should be hung by the belt and allowed to hang so for several days in order that the bias portions may droop all that they will before the lower edge is finished. Firm and gentle pulling down from the belt now and then will aid in the process. After such treatment for several days, the skirt can with safety be finished at the bottom and will wear indefinitely without the ugly sagging, which is the



5255 Three-Piece
Skirt, 22 to 30 waist.

one objectionable feature to the style. The favorite finish for the lower edge is a hem. This should always be turned up while the garment is being tried on, as in no other way can perfect evenness be obtained. Braid sewed flat on the under side, extending just a bit below the skirt, makes the most practical protection.

Pretty, dressy blouses are in demand now when wraps are soon to be laid aside. No. 5252 is one of the very prettiest that has appeared and is quite easily made. In the illustration it is made of taffeta, with bands of the material edged with velvet and a little chemisette of lace, but it is in every way appropriate for the pretty, soft wool of spring and also makes a most charming model for the cotton and linen fabrics. The little chemisette is a pretty feature and can be either attached to the waist or made separate, so that the waist can be worn high or low, as liked. If a still simpler blouse is desired, the tucks can be extended to the neck and the chemisette omitted altogether, making just a plain waist, with tucked yoke. Also the sleeves can be in either three-quarter or full length, although this year the shorter length is the almost universal one for everything except the plainest of gowns and waists.



5252 Tucked Blouse,
32 to 40 bust.

Sleeves are one essential characteristic of the simpler waists of the incoming season; they will be made with deep, fitted cuffs. No. 5270 is one that can be commended in every way and that allows of so many variations that it can be made available for a great many different uses and occasions. In this instance it is made of white linen poplin and is trimmed with embroidered banding, the lining being entirely omitted; but it is exceedingly pretty made of either silk or wool and is equally well suited to the separate waist and to the entire gown. When a still more elaborate model is desired, the centre front can be of contrasting material; as, for example, if the waist were made of plain silk the centre front might be of one of the pretty tiny checks. Again, the design makes an excellent one for remodeling. Often it happens that the fronts of a plain waist can be recut by this design and the centre front made of something quite different, so giving an entirely novel effect to the whole. Buttons are much used as trimming this spring and any pretty sort will be found correct.



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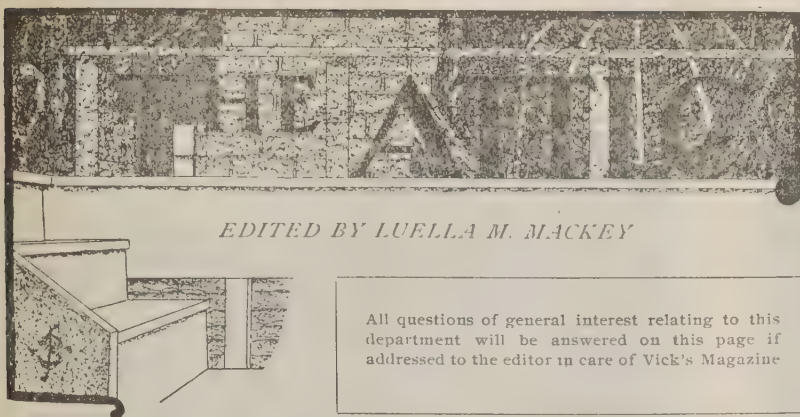
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All questions of general interest relating to this department will be answered on this page if addressed to the editor in care of Vick's Magazine

The careful and ingenious home maker can recruit both her house furnishings and her own and children's wardrobes from left-overs and cast-asides. The results will represent what would have been bought at too great expense, or perhaps could not have been afforded at all. So her labor is turned into money, the family purse is extended by so much, and she gains the consciousness of being as large a factor in the household economy by saving the family income as is the wage-earner who first acquires it. Instead of being ashamed of her economies she takes genuine pride in them, and solid enjoyment in the things "made of nothing." Her household and her friends recognize such economies as the fruit of an ingenious mind and a heart full of courage and purpose.

But, first and foremost, our attic must not be a place of confusion and dust and dirt. It must be orderly and clean, so that we may know our resources and have them instantly at hand. If you find your attic is in disorder,—well, we will talk that all over next month, when we begin spring housecleaning.

A HANDSOME HAT

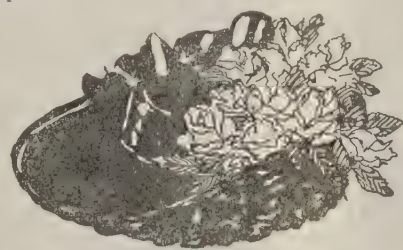
of black velvet and of the newest shape was held up for inspection the other day in the apartments of some "bachelor girl" friends. After it had been duly exclaimed about, admired, tried on and the price estimated variously at from eight dollars down to three, making due allowance for between-season sales, this announcement was hurled among us: "It cost just sixty cents!" More exclamations followed by innumerable interrogation points!

The frame, a wire one, and white wire at that, had been bought at the "ten-cent store," and covered with two thicknesses of black lawn cut from a shirtwaist which had turned "grizzly" last season and been relegated to the rag-bag. The velvet was of handsome quality and had done duty two seasons as coverings and drapings for wide hats. The bias bands, about three inches wide, after being "steamed," were cut in lengths one-half longer than the depth of the brim, the long edges sewed together and steamed open. Every seam was shirred three times and fastened to a wire of the brim, making a full puff between each shirred seam all the way around the hat. The upper side of the brim and the crown were covered perfectly smooth. A narrow fold of velvet finished the edge; heavy soft black satin draped the crown. The remaining fifty cents of expenditure appeared in two bunches of about a dozen each of dainty pink tea-roses with foliage. These were perched high on top of the left side of the brim, over the edge and upon the crown; all were bunched close and sewed flat.

This unprofessional milliner was constructing another such creation of rich red velvet, which was to have black wings and black liberty satin ribbon, with narrow cut jet at the shirrings.

I straightway bethought me of yards and yards of three-inch bands of moss-green satin-taffeta which had once adorned a dress, but now, carefully wrapped in tissue paper, reposed in solitary grandeur in an old chest in my own attic. There was also a great bunch of tiny hard pink rosebuds that had been used and packed away years ago. I remembered, too, certain bits of pale pink liberty silk and some deeper pink mirror velvet. These I gathered about the hard

pink buds and made my own "tea-roses" as big as plums. They were nestled all the way around the base of the crown, of my beautiful new "spring hat," making it a hearty rival of my friend's, winter one. Mine cost only a dime, the price of the foundation. Both are those



little turned-wrong-side-out affairs which look so jaunty on pretty girls, and deduct ten years from any face when the brim, or the hair, or both, are full and fluffy.

OLD STOCKINGS

sound at the tops, may be used in a number of ways besides the ordinary "cutting down" for new feet. They need not always remain stockings. They may become almost anything in the hand of an ingenious economist.

Full-sized, heavy, fleece-lined hose, with feet cut off at the ankles, cut open at the seam, turned hem down, a dozen legs sewed side by side into a circle,

fulled on a yoke made of two more legs and deep enough to let the hems come below the knee, make an under petticoat highly commendable for warmth, cleanliness, comfort and cheapness. It will not cling to the form and is a washable fast black,—or other colors will serve as well if they are available. In cutting the legs open, retain the natural flare, thus securing added width over the knees. A finish may be added by crocheting a scallop into the edge, in black or color. If a thicker skirt is desired, it can be made double, laying the fleeced sides together. Made of fine lisle, lace, or silk hose, this short skirt has everything to recommend it as a top foundation for silk flounces for a "best" petticoat. Bloomers for the children may also be made in this way. They will be found a great comfort to the little ones in their school journeys and their outdoor play, as well as a wonderful factor in reducing the troubles of washday.

The housewife also will find these black bloomers of much service while sweeping, making beds, etc. Perhaps their greatest advantage will be that only one skirt need be worn; let that be a heavy, unlined, wool skirt that can be washed like a blanket. Bloomers are as warm as two skirts of the same material, and in only one short dress-skirt, such stirring work will be only half the labor and strain on the housemother.

The children's ribbed hose will give weeks of service as oversleeves for the housekeeper, remaining snug above the elbow. For sweeping, the feet may be left on with the toes cut off square, and the thumb can be thrust through the inevitable holes in the heel. Pairs that are worn at both top and bottom may have the ends cut off and a hole for the thumb cut in the side of the remaining good part, and thus be used as "half-hands." Four to six thicknesses of fleeced knit stuff about five inches square make adequate iron and stove holders, washable, unfading, and almost unscorch-

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So I told him I wanted to try the horse for a month. He said "all right, but pay me first, and I'll give back your money if the horse isn't all right."

W. J. I didn't like that. I was afraid the horse wasn't "all right" and that I might have to whistle for my money if I once parted with it. So I didn't buy the horse although I wanted it badly. Now this set me thinking.

You see I make washing machines—the "1900" Gravity Washer. And, I said to myself, lots of people may think about my Washing Machines as I thought about the horse, and about the man who owned it.

But I'd never know, because they wouldn't write and tell me. You see I sell all my Washing Machines by mail. (I sold upwards of 500,000 that way already—nearly five million dollars' worth.)

So, thought I, it's only fair enough to let people try my Washing Machines for a month, before they pay for them, just as I wanted to try the horse.

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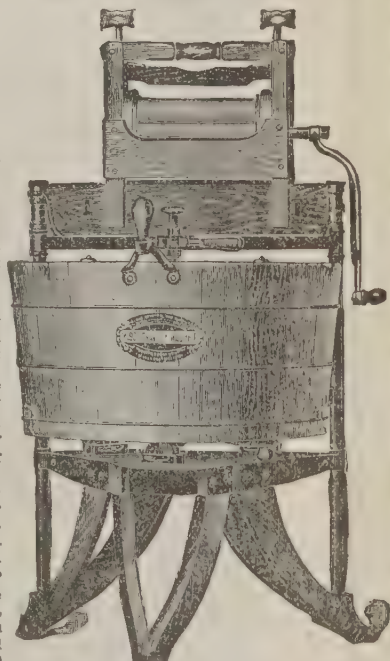
So, said I to myself, I'll just do with my "1900" Gravity Washer what I wanted the man to do with the horse. Only, I won't wait for people to ask me. I'll offer to do it first, and I'll "make good" the offer every time. That's how I sold nearly half a million Washers.

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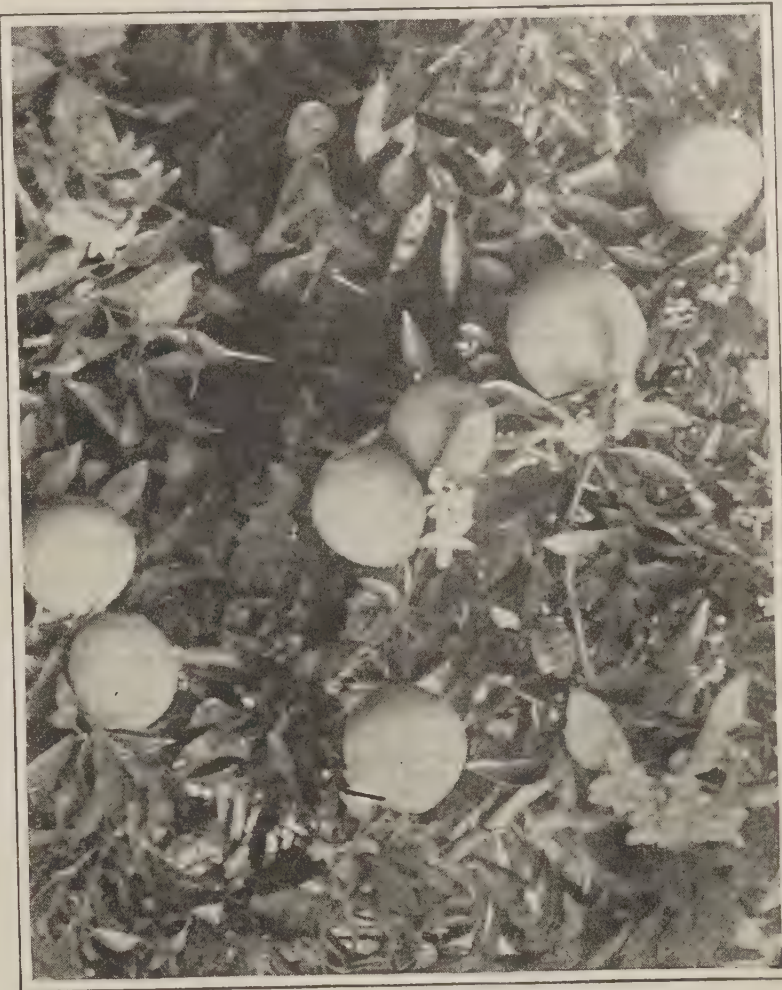
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What cheer for him now, as the work begins, to remember scenes like these!



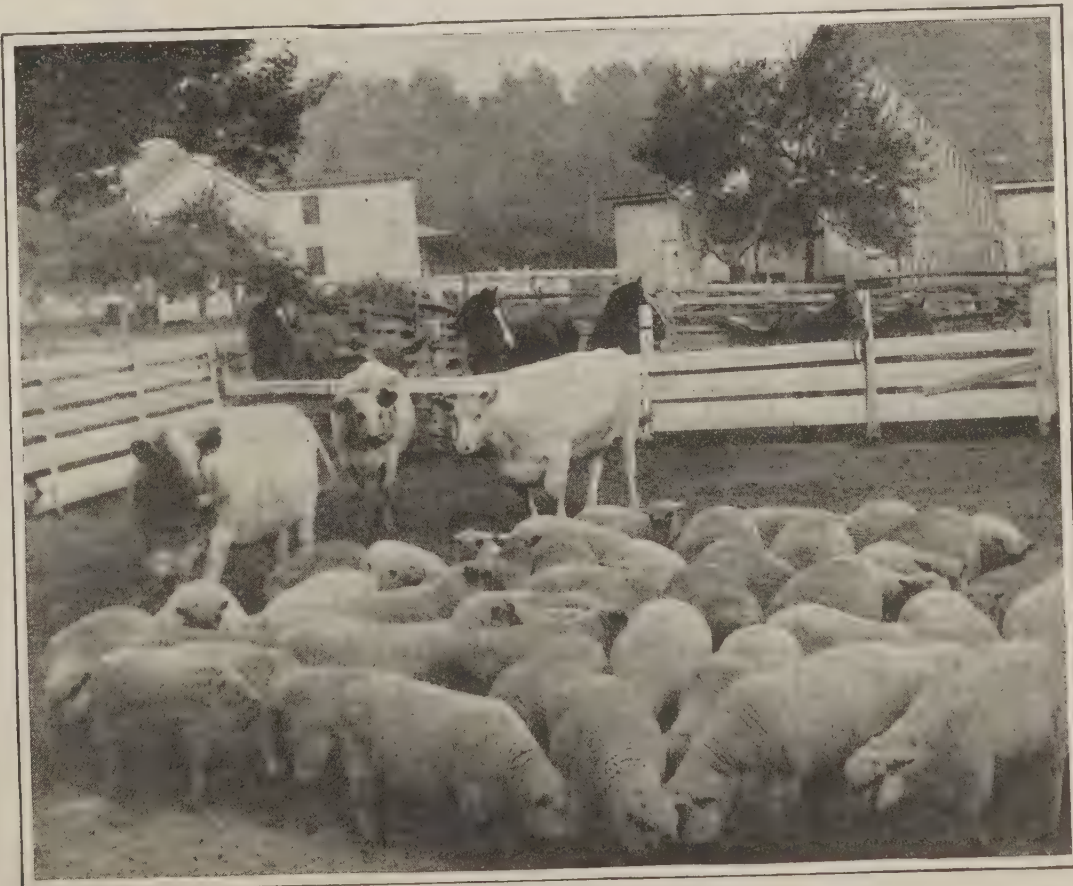
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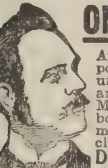
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Heart Talks With Girls

By Catherine Walter

The object of this department is to place all subscribers who are in need of sympathy and advice in communication with a woman of large experience and warm sympathies who will give each case her careful thought and consideration.
All communications for this department should be addressed to Mrs. Catherine Walter, in care of Vick's Magazine.

LAST month I was just a little bit homesick for country lanes. One gets so tired of seeing nothing but people and rows and rows of houses that look just alike, of hearing nothing but the rumble and clatter of trolley cars and the tooting of autos. And in all this great throng of hurrying people, no one speaks to another, for we are all strangers. I always feel sorry for the country boy or girl who first comes to town to make a living. The only home they have is a forlorn little room in a boarding-house amongst strangers, with no one to sympathize with them in the many little trials or disappointments that inevitably fall to the lot of those who are trying to make their way in a big city.

In the country, however, and where people have grown up in the same small town, it is "Hullo, Bill!" "Where are you going, Tom?" even the neighbor's dog wags his tail at sight of you, the cows turn their heads as you go by and everybody is interested in everybody else's well-being. That is the right kind of life,—at least to begin on, even if we have to launch out on broader interests by-and-by.

The lack of home life and of good home influence is at the root of much of the evil that goes on in a great city. If all parents could realize what a power for good or evil the home influence may be, they would surely do their utmost to make the home a kind of magnet and in years to come, when the children were scattered, their hearts would soften at the remembrance of their early days.

The old-fashioned way of bringing up children to love and honor God is the right way, not, however, as if He were a far-away Being, but as though He were with us and loved us, and wanted us to be happy.

"I tell you, say to all you meet
In mart, or lane, or crowded street,
That you, and I, and all men move
Beneath a canopy of love,
As wide as the blue heavens above."

We sometimes try to lose God when we choose to follow our own perverted inclinations, but we can never get away from His love, and He is always ready to take us back if we turn to Him. They used to call it the "Fear of God," but I do not like the word. The only fear should be that of offending God, because He loves us, and we would not wilfully grieve anyone who loves us. If we had this sense of the nearness of God, we should not be lonely, even in a city full of strangers.

In the poorest sections of New York, where the poor, overworked, tired mothers have little time to make home attractive, settlements have been established by kind-hearted people where all sorts of opportunities for education and improvement are offered to those who care to take advantage of them. They have libraries, copies of beautiful pictures to refine their tastes, classes in various studies, games,—and, in fact, the Love of God watching over them to keep them in the right path, though I do not believe they think of it in that way.

And the poor tired mother is so proud to think her children are learning and improving. And, with all their poverty, the mother's love is still what makes it "home" to her children. Some of us are apt to speak slightly of Italians and other foreigners, but they could give us many a lesson in filial respect and devotion, which is part of their religion.

The Man's Right.

I judge from one letter that my correspondent is more interested in some one than she cares to confess. If this be the case, let me advise you to be on your guard, and not betray your interest too openly, as while a young man may like to talk to a girl, and find her congenial

so long as he thinks they are just good friends, should she betray by word or deed that she has a warmer feeling than friendship, he is apt to withdraw his attention and she thus loses what may be a pleasant companionship. Men are not as romantic as girls. They know that it takes something more than what is called "love" to keep a family and home together, and they want to be sure of making a good living before engaging themselves to any girl, if they are the right kind of men. Be sensible and keep a good friendship, if the young man is worthy, and, later on, perhaps, you may become something more to each other than mere friends. But do not hurry matters. Let the man do the proposing.

Which Shall She Choose?

Dear Mrs.—Walter: I want to ask you to help me to make up my mind about a very serious matter. Two young men have asked me to marry them, and, as I like them both very well, I do not know what to do. I told them both that I would think it over and let them have an answer in a month. Please help me to decide. One is tall and dark, and the other short and fair. Fortunately they do not know each other, as one lives in another town. Sometimes I think I like one best, and then I change my mind. They are both good, steady young men. I am fair and they say you should marry your opposite. What do you think?—Uncertain.

I think you are rather a foolish little girl not to know your own mind, but, after all, it is rather a difficult question to decide, and one no one can decide for you. Other things being equal, I do not think it makes any difference about the complexion or personal appearance. People do not consider those things if they really love anyone. But the main thing to consider is the disposition and habits of the man you are going to marry. If your tempers agree, and everything else is in his favor you can make no mistake either way. But I think it is always advisable to know something of the family history of either the man or the woman in question, because most families have peculiarities of their own. Some have hereditary infirmities, and a great deal of subsequent misery might often be avoided if people were a little more cautious before entering into the marriage state, if it were only by being prepared for such peculiarities and knowing how to deal with them.

From a Poor, Tired Father.

Dear Mrs. Walter:—I see that you have a great deal of sympathy in your "Heart Talks" in Vick's Magazine for the poor, tired mother, but you never say a word of comfort to the poor, tired fathers who have to go to work early and work hard all day to make money for the household. Do you not think they sometimes need a word of cheer and encouragement, as well as the mothers? I enjoy reading your letters and would like to hear what you have to say.—Father.

It is true that the average man has generally a hard day's toil. When he goes home he has a right to expect a good supper, and a tidy, comfortable home, if he provides the money required to keep such a home. And I think when he does, generally speaking, he has such a home. But you must remember that the wife has been just as busy with her housekeeping and sewing, and preparing the midday meal for the children, who, you may be sure, do not give her much rest when they are in the house, and if everything is not just spick and span when you come home, do you never grumble and complain, instead of making the best of things?

I am not upholding an untidy home, for it naturally repulses a man, but I do think if a man is steady, and provides properly, and, above all, if the children are brought up to be neat and tidy, he will not have much to complain of on that score. I have a great deal of sympathy with men and often think we do not half appreciate how many disagree-


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EDITED BY VICTORIA WELLMAN

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Tired Mothers.

A little elbow leans upon your knee,
Your tired knee that has so much to bear;
A child's dear eyes are looking lovingly
From underneath a thatch of tangled hair.
Perhaps you do not heed the velvet touch
Of warm, moist, fingers folding yours so tight;
You do not prize this blessing over-much—
You, almost, are too tired to pray to-night!

Yet it is blessedness! A year ago
I did not see it as I do today;
We are so dull and thankless, and too slow
To catch the sunshine till it slips away.
And now it seems surpassing strange to me
That, while I bore the badge of motherhood,
I did not kiss more oft and tenderly
The little child who brought me only good.

And if some night, when you sit down to rest,
You miss this elbow from your tired knee—
This restless curling head from off your breast,
This lisping tongue that chatters constantly;
If from your own the dimpled hands had slipped,
And ne'er would nestle in your palm again;
If the white feet into their grave had tripped—
I could not blame you for your heart-ache, then.

I wonder so that mothers ever fret
At little children clinging to their gown.
Or that the footprints, when the days are wet,
Are ever black enough to make them frown.
If I could find a little muddy boot,
Or cap or jacket, on my chamber floor,
If I could kiss a rosy, restless foot
And hear it patter in my house once more—

If I could mend a broken cart today,
Tomorrow make a kite to reach the sky,
There is no woman in God's world would say
She was more blissfully content than I!
But, ah! the dainty pillow next my own
Is never rumped by a shining head;
My singing birdling, from its nest is flown—
The little boy I used to kiss is dead!

Selected.

HELPFUL BOOKS FOR MOTHERS

"How to Make Sabbath Afternoons Profitable and Pleasant." Does the title strike a jangled chord? It gives me no small pleasure to direct the notice of parents to this small book on whose cover I have written, "A Good Woman's Work for Mothers," as my indorsement. It is practical because it does not suggest methods too wearisome and complex for average mothers, and deals with the average child as found in average families. It is sensible, for it realizes what mothers, as a rule, must face as Sunday problems and solve justly. It is inspiring, for it encourages motherlove to bear these little crosses which so soon

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YOUNG MOTHERS

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The "curse" of motherhood so firmly held to by superstitious womanhood soon vanishes in the sunlight of wisdom and justice. Overworked, expectant mothers hand a poor legacy of vitality to their offspring. Worried, nervous, overheated nursing mothers turn the milk so blessed a food under right conditions into slow poison and thus render "bottle babies" envious. On the care of infants and their mothers, I am possibly fanatical. It should begin far back in the past and be so consistent and steady in the present. It should imply being separate by God's call, unhurried before baby comes, and being protected from even minor ills until the sacred function of nursing ceases. It should insist on a good average of health at all times,—and here so few are wise but wait, half invalids, for some serious scare to teach them prudence. Moreover, it implies education, in essentials, on nursing, anatomy and cookery. Many are skilled to become martyrs of the fry-pan and oven, but unable to treat ordinary illness in a preventive manner, having a helpless feeling until either a doctor or some neighbor who, though less of a cooking machine has a gift of "nurse sense," arrives.

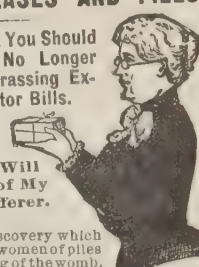
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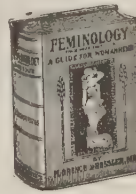
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Historic Days in March

By Lennie Greenlee



BEGINNING with March first, St. David's Day, on which the Welshmen crown themselves with leeks, through the ill-boding Ides and up to its very last day March has famous and historic days.

The cheeriest day of all, though it comes so close to the Ides and Julius Caesar's assassination, is St. Patrick's Day, March seventeenth. Perhaps it is because the Irish can find good cheer in anything and because the old Saint himself was so jolly that his birthday seems to bring with it a feeling of jolly good fellowship toward everyone.

When I used to toddle around after our old Irish gardener, he told me that the Irish kept St. Patrick's Day because on that day the good Saint drove all the snakes out of Ireland. Now, I was very much afraid of snakes, so I thought this an excellent reason and Ireland a heavenly place in which to live.

The story of St. Patrick, how as a boy he was captured by pirates and sold as a slave into Ireland, where he later began to preach and do miraculous things, is firmly believed by the Irish. A favorite story of theirs about him is how he gathered some bits of ice one cold day when he and his companions were nearly freezing and blew on them till they began to blaze and finally burned steadily, warming the men as any other fire would.

His journeys and voyages to and fro, converting souls, working miracles and doing good to the poor and wicked folk, would fill a volume.

The shamrock leaf, it is said, was once chosen by St. Patrick to illustrate the doctrine of the Trinity, and thereafter the Irish adopted it as their national flower. A host of plants have claimed the honor of being the true and original shamrock, but many of them were pretenders,—watercress, medicago, and white clover among them.

An enterprising Philadelphia florist traced out the true shamrock while abroad one summer, brought some plants home and propagated them, grew the plants in little three-lobed pans of green and reaped a rich harvest on Shamrock Day. The plant is much like the clover, in leaf and general habit, but the leaflets are slenderer-lobed and not so strongly marked with white.

St. Patrick's Day Festivals

When we join with the Irish in celebrating St. Patrick's Day, crosses of straw or flowers are usually hung over doors, the chandeliers and doorways are festooned with green bunting, and the black cock of paper, sacrificed to him by the Irish is usually in evidence somewhere.

On the invitations, written on green paper, with a shamrock in the corner, there is apt to be some such foolish verse as this:

"Ivry Wan is requested to wear a trifle of green to extinguish himself from the others."

A green cockade or the cross of St. Patrick, is also usually worn by guests, and shamrock leaves of green paper are showered around everywhere. A table decorated with pink and white heather and shamrock plants in little green clover-shaped holders was as pretty and dainty a one as I ever saw. The maids wore white gowns and green ribbons, the bonbons and ices were green and white, as also the candle-shades and the china. The place cards were shamrock leaves, and during the evening each guest was required to give an Irish story, song or recitation.

At one amusing children's party the guests assumed queer Irish names and dressed as goose girls, apple-women, policemen, priests, bricklayers, etc. Maggie Murphy and Mr. Dooley were there, also the Widow Malony, Father Ryan and others.

At this party there was a guessing contest in which the correct answer included always something green. For instance:

A cold country? Greenland.

The children's artist? Kate Greenway.

A place to grow tender plants? Greenhouse.

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BY JULIET HITE GALLAHER

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Spanish Soup.—Soak one pound of white beans over night, then change the water and boil till tender, add a head of finely chopped white cabbage, half pound of fat bacon, two small red peppers, a teaspoonful of salt and boil together one hour. Slice an onion, fry brown, and add it to the soup, also a little olive butter and garlic, if obtainable.

Tomato Soup with Onions.—Fry three sliced onions in butter, remove then and fry one dozen tomatoes sufficiently to heat through. Then place them in a saucepan with their gravy and the onions. Add two bunches of clipped celery and two or three sliced carrots; stew for an hour and add three pints of gravy; stew another hour, then run through a colander; season and serve with toasted brown bread.

French Vegetable Soup.—To a lamb leg of moderate size allow one gallon of water. Add a cupful each of chopped carrots, onions, potatoes, tomatoes, cabbage and celery. Salt and pepper to taste. Let the lamb be boiled for an hour before the vegetables are added, then boil it three hours. Serve hot.

Ox-Tail Soup.—Cut one ox-tail into joints and fry brown in good drippings, remove from pan and fry four onions and three carrots in same. When done, tie in thin bag with thyme and parsley and drop into the soup pot, in which has been poured a gallon of water. Put in the tail and two pounds of chopped lean beef; grate over this several carrots. Season with pepper and salt and cook three hours, then strain and thicken with brown flour. Boil twenty minutes longer and serve.

Giblet Soup.—In two quarts of water put giblets from three fowls; add one quart of stock, three tablespoonfuls of butter, two of flour or corn starch, one chopped onion. Salt and pepper to taste. Boil the giblets for two hours, first in the two quarts of water, then remove from it, cut off tough parts, mince the remainder, and return to the liquor, add stock, etc. Cook butter and flour together until rich brown, add to the soup and cook gently for half an hour. Just before serving add half a cupful of bread crumbs.

Force Meat Balls for Soup.—To two tablespoonfuls of finely chopped meat, previously cooked, add one of minced parsley, one of celery and two of bread crumbs. Season with salt and pepper and mix with well beaten eggs. Make into small balls and add to the soup a couple of minutes before removing from the fire. Some people prefer browning these first inside the stove then adding in manner above described.

HOMINY MADE PALATABLE.

The Creoles of Louisiana called hominy by the old-fashioned name of samp, and in New Orleans and other parts of the far South, this appellation still clings to lye hominy.

Here the corn is allowed to become thoroughly ripe, when it is put to dry and is thus hulled. A peck of this dried corn is poured into an immense pot of water, to which has been added a quart of hard-wood ashes; here it soaks for twenty-four hours. The corn is then boiled in these ashes till the husks come off, then thrown into cold water and rubbed by the hands in order to divest it of its hulls. After this it is washed through five or six waters, till the taste of potash disappears.

There are several varieties of hominy and no Southern breakfast is complete unless it appears on the table in one of its attractive forms, either steamed and served with cream and sugar, fried, or in the form of dainty cakes.

The "samp man" used to be a familiar figure in the streets of the old French quarter of New Orleans, but now he has almost disappeared, owing to the fact that this much desired article of food is sold by all the grocers, and is put up in all manner of attractive forms to attract the purchaser.

Hominy Griddle Cakes.—One quart of sweet milk, two cupfuls of boiled hominy, three well beaten eggs, a small teaspoonful of salt and sufficient flour to which add a teaspoonful of baking powder, to form a smooth batter of the desired consistency.

Hominy Garnish.—To one pint of cold boiled hominy, which has been mashed, add four level tablespoonfuls of butter. Put into a frying pan one tablespoonful each of butter and drippings; shake the pan until hot and well greased, then turn in the hominy. Cover closely and draw back where it will not burn. When heated through, uncover and place on the hot part of the stove and brown well. Turn upside down upon a heated platter and serve hot. A delicious garnish for baked bananas.

Hominy Omelet.—Press through a sieve a cupful of warm hominy. Beat together the yolks of four eggs and one and one-half cupfuls of sweet milk. Add two teaspoonfuls of cornstarch, one salt spoonful of salt and two teaspoonfuls of minced parsley; mix all with the hominy, add a teacupful of whipped cream, fold in the beaten whites of the eggs, turn into a greased pan and bake twenty minutes in the oven. Garnish with cress and serve hot.

Hominy Croquettes.—Two cupfuls cold boiled hominy, two well beaten eggs, two tablespoonfuls melted butter, two teaspoonfuls of sugar and salt to taste. Stir until smooth, form into balls, roll in egg, then in bread crumbs, fry a golden brown in deep fat. Serve on lettuce.

Hominy Dominy.—Take large olives, dry them, dip into egg, partly mixed with milk, roll into cold boiled hominy, then in egg and finally into cracker crumbs; fry in hot fat. Pour over them a rich tomato sauce, and garnish with sliced lemon.

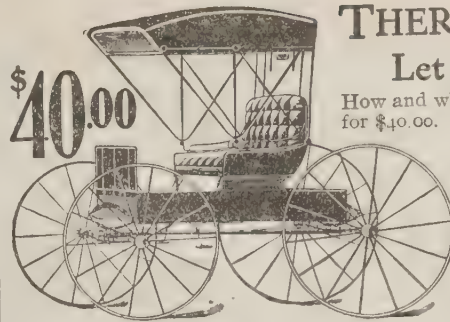
SCHOOL LUNCHES.

Very few mothers realize the importance of a child's school lunch. It should be substantial and nourishing, but daintily gotten up. The unvarying, unappetizing round of lunches carried to school by most children surely tell in their reports. Usually, I fear, the dinner carried to school by a child consists of three or four biscuits, meat, a piece of rich cake and two or three spicy pickles. After such a dinner as this the child is wholly unprepared for study. A suitable lunch consists of a sandwich (varying as to kind), a slice of some plain cake, with the addition of fruit, which can be found on nearly every farm. Some simple relish, put up in a small cup or wide-mouthed bottle will often add to the zest of appetite. The material for the lunch should be often varied, trying not to have the same things many times in succession.

As with salads, there is no end to the possibilities of the sandwich. It does not mean merely two slices of bread, with meat laid between. Some of the best-relished sandwiches contain no meat of any kind.

Good bread, thinly sliced and in good shape, is one of the necessities, and without good bread, no good sandwich can be made, no matter what the filling.

Cake induces thirst, and leaves a bad feeling; pie is apt to be mashed up, if not made and put up with due regard for its appearance. Individual pies, however, are easily made, and may be very appetizing without being unduly rich. Fruits should be used plentifully, especially the apple. The meats are much better ground or chopped up fine than sliced, and some little seasoning, a touch of mustard, horseradish, celery or salad dressing, often adds much to its taste.—C. F.



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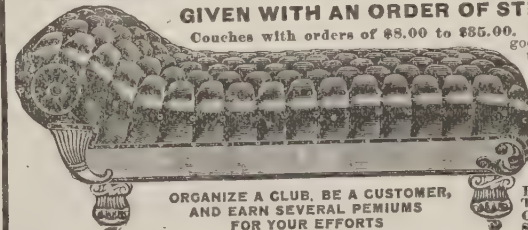
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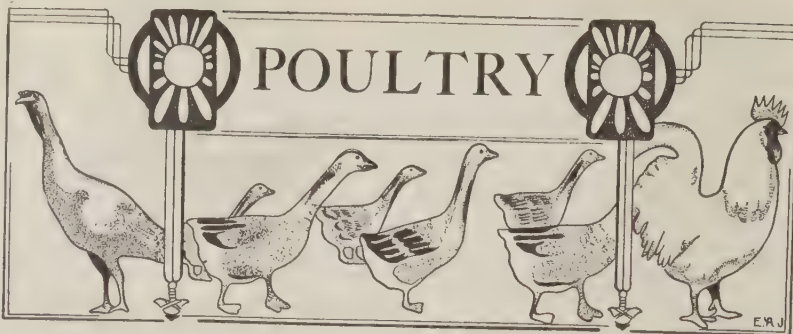
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Mr. Couch will answer any questions of general interest on Poultry topics sent to him in care of Vick's Magazine

Getting Ready to Raise Chickens.

The most interesting and enjoyable time of the whole year for the poultry-keeper, perhaps, is during the hatching season. It pays to plan and prepare carefully for this work, or the result may be what some people call "bad luck." Luck, good or bad, I believe is nothing more nor less than the result of constant work and care of the fowls, or of some neglect or carelessness on the part of the owner. The breeding pens should have been made up several weeks ago. This is the starting point and where the greatest care should be taken. It never pays to put in any inferior birds to breed from. Rather than do this, make your pens smaller in number, and, in the end, better. After the pens are made up, give every care toward making the birds healthy, vigorous and contented, for the whole year's success may be decided by the management of these fowls.

One of the things that goes further in promoting health and vigor with the offspring than anything else is exercise. Let me say right here, that I believe there is nothing upon which the health and profit of any flock depends more than on this. A great many who keep poultry, and especially farmers, are altogether too careless in feeding, too apt to just throw the feed on the ground or floor and allow the fowls to pick it up without any effort.

A careful, observing poultryman said to me recently that he had seldom seen a scratching shed that did not contain a flock of poultry that laid eggs more or less the year around, and the whole secret was that they were obliged to work for their livelihood and were, consequently, in a position to return a profit to the owner. Such a flock is most sure to raise good, strong chicks.

Feed the breeders sparingly on a variety of food, not too much soft food in shape of mashies. Fresh cut-bone and fine-cut clover are necessary, also oyster shells and grit. If you have a very large number of fowls it means that you will be busy several hours, or all, of each day. More care and attention is required when the fowls are shut in closely than when they can run out, but in a snowy country there is not much chance for ranging at this time of year, so the fowls must be looked after just the same on the farm as in a village.

Some avoid as much as possible having their breeders lay during the winter, or until nearly time for hatching, believing that they are weakened physically by continuous laying, and not so apt to produce well fertilized eggs that will produce strong chicks. This is a matter that is sometimes a little hard to control. As a rule, I find that the hens are more apt to injure themselves by becoming over fat during the winter than by laying too many eggs. Of the two injuries, I would prefer that they lay too many eggs rather than to lay on too much flesh.

It sometimes becomes necessary to give special attention to the male birds, as slight disorders frequently attend them, which they will quickly recover from if given a little attention. If left to remain in an unhealthy condition in the pen, serious results may follow, and when one has reached the breeding season and finds the head of the pen at fault, he is put to quite a disadvantage. It is best to have a good male in reserve, and there is an advantage some times in changing males every few days.

It is Wise to Use Good Chick Feed.—As time goes on and I have more ex-

perience in raising chicks from the shell up, I believe more and more in the use of the commercial or prepared dry chick-foods offered for sale by different firms. I find that the per cent of loss from bowel trouble is considerably less when I use this dry mixed grain food right from the start, than when I give mashies and other soft foods. Some think that they can prepare a food that will answer the same purpose for less money, but when there is a loss of thirty or forty per cent of the chicks right along, it is a pretty expensive feed, even if the first cost be small. A good, clean, well balanced chick-food is worth all that is asked for it, to any one who wants to raise a large per cent of strong, thrifty chicks. A little fine-cut clover is the only thing that I add to the ration for young chicks unless it be some fine grit.

Poultry Notes.

We have all found it more of a difficult job to clean nests and roosts that are stationary than those that are movable. The nervous and active "high flyers" are not suited to the needs of the city and village poultry keeper. He wants fowls that he can confine without fencing them overhead and at the sides, too. The Brahmas are nicely suited to this purpose. It is claimed that when an egg is dirty and has been soaked in water sufficiently to remove the dirt, a substance which fills the pores in the shell of the egg becomes dissolved, thereby exposing the contents more to the air and injuring its keeping qualities. The better way is to see that the eggs do not get dirty in the first place, but if they should I would wash them.

A man informed me a few days ago that each year he sets out a lot of fall and winter onions, and that last season he set out twice as many as he needed for family use so as to have a lot in the spring for the hens and chicks. The winter variety of onions is usually ready to begin on in March and by the time this crop is gone the fall crop comes on. Take a large handful of the green tops in the left hand, then with a sharp knife cut them fine, these mixed with "dutch cheese" make an excellent meal for any kind of poultry, and especially for young turkeys.—V. M. C.

Questions Answered by the Editor.

I am going to start in the poultry business this spring. Will you please tell me what is the best kind of an incubator to buy, hot water or hot air, and what is the name of some good kind?—Mrs. W. S., N. Dak.

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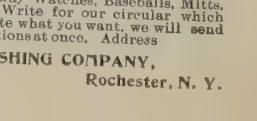
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An erect carriage, a graceful walk, a graceful manner of sitting and rising, are points which you should determine to possess, says Priscilla Wakefield in *The Delineator*, if you wish to be charming—and I take it for granted that you wish to cultivate that magic characteristic, charm. Ease and grace of carriage and of movement belong by nature to a few women. Many have acquired grace by careful training, constant thought and practice. A large number are lacking in the knowledge of true grace and of the principles which govern it.

If, as a child, you have been allowed to form awkward habits, make up your mind now to overcome them. It can be done; it is merely a matter of will-power. Defects of carriage and walk detract from a girl's charm immeasurably. On the other hand, any advantages of face or figure that you may have will be made more apparent if you are graceful, while any disadvantages may be overlooked, if you strive to give an impression of a buoyant, easy carriage, a light, springing step, a graceful, agreeable presence.

A plain girl who knows how to stand, move and sit with grace will be more admired than a beauty who is clumsy and awkward. A graceful girl will know how to wear her clothes, while her manner will lend attractiveness even to plain garments. A girl who holds herself in a careless way will never look well even in costly gowns.

If, in the street, you will observe the manner in which many women walk, I venture to say that not one in twenty will be found to walk gracefully or even fairly well. Some walk on their heels and have an ugly habit of turning up the toes; others walk on the sides of their feet, making the heels of their shoes run down. Nothing is more slovenly than that habit. Others turn their feet in, while others go to the opposite extreme and spread the feet out awkwardly. All these peculiarities can be overcome by persistent effort. Another fault is an awkward carriage of the head. Cultivate the habit of holding the head up and keeping the shoulders straight. Train your muscles to obey your will. Perfect control of the muscles of the waist and abdomen will help you to acquire grace and strength and will improve the figure.

Grace must be studied as you would study any art, yet—here is a point—your movements must not appear studied. You can break yourself of bad habits and form habits of grace, and then you will assume correct attitudes and learn to move with rhythmic ease. All this may be done without affectation, without self-consciousness.

The first thing to consider concerning grace is the correct poise for the body. There will be no lines of beauty, if, in standing, the body sinks back on the heels. There will be no grace if the shoulders are stooping, or the chest sinks in, or the chin is poked forward, or the abdomen is held out. Remember that the weight of the body should rest on the balls of the feet, not on the heels, the knees should be straight, the chest raised and expanded, the shoulders held back, the stomach held in and flat, the head held with the chin in, instead of projecting. Standing gracefully is nothing more than an interrupted step.

To learn how to walk well you must remember that there must be perfect evenness in motion. The body sways forward from the ankles, balancing on the ball of the foot. Each step should

be the same length; there must be no jerking movements, but smooth, regular, gliding steps, the legs swinging from the hips. There must be no side hip action. The foot must be placed almost straight, turned very slightly outward. The feet must be lifted without showing the least bit of the sole of the shoe. The knees should move flexibly. The arms should fall easily, the elbows being near the body, not held out at an angle from the waist. Learn how to breathe correctly and deeply, if you would walk well. Breathe through the nose. Keep the mouth closed. Take deep breaths, count ten, and then expel the air through the nose.

Have you ever thought much about the art of sitting and rising? I fancy you have not, judging from the way in which so many of you drop suddenly into a chair, and the awkward manner of clutching the sides of the chair, if an arm-chair, when getting up from it, and the ungraceful attitudes you assume while sitting.

When going toward a chair in which you intend to sit, allow sufficient space to turn when standing near it. Keep one foot in advance of the other, turn on the toes as on a pivot, and swing the body around easily, resting the weight on the foot nearest the chair. Bend the hips and knees deeply and allow yourself thus to glide gracefully into the chair. One foot should be thrust far forward as you take your seat, the tip of the shoe just showing beyond the edge of the skirt. The knees should be near together. The shoulders may lean against the chair, if the hips are well back, but if you sit erect and bend slightly forward from the waist, the attitude will be graceful. It is awkward to draw both feet back under the skirt. One foot should be advanced. It is ugly to cross one knee over the other, and if you are sitting correctly you will have no impulse to do so.

When rising from a chair remember that an alert, active, properly managed body does not require to be propelled out of a chair by the assistance of the hands. Keep the hands in front, and if you have an impulse to touch the chair resist it, or you cannot learn to rise gracefully. Place one foot in advance of the other, keeping the latter well back. Rise quickly but gently, holding the body erect, straightening the knees and hips and letting the weight of the body be sustained by the foot in advance.

If you practise these very simple rules, you will soon learn ease in sitting and rising; your skirts will fall in graceful folds as you take your positions and will not need to be touched.

The Wind.

Which is the wind that brings the cold? The north wind, Freddy; and all the snow; And the sheep will scamper into the fold, When the North begins to blow.

Which is the wind that brings the heat? The south wind, Katy; and corn will grow, And cherries redden for you to eat, When the South begins to blow.

Which is the wind that brings the rain? The east wind, Tommy; and farmers know That cows come shivering up the lane, When the East begins to blow.

Which is the wind that brings the flowers? The west wind, Bessie; and soft and low The birds sing in the summer hours, When the West begins to blow.

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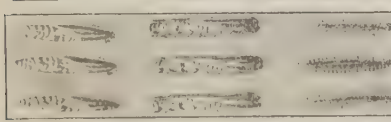
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Clear Up The Garden

(Continued from page 10)

and burning the trash in fall, winter or spring, will destroy many. Loose bark on trees, dead or fallen branches or twigs, everything in the neighborhood of the garden that might shelter an insect needs attention and removal.

The asparagus beetle hibernates in the stems of asparagus, under loose bark, and in similar sheltered situations. Therefore the collection and destruction of all debris, in or near the asparagus bed, is indicated as a wise measure.

The squash bug and striped cucumber beetle hibernate as adults. Compel the bugs to travel so far to find winter quarters that they will not readily find the garden the following spring.

The Colorado potato beetles winter beneath the ground or under rubbish about the patch. Cleaning up the rubbish and burning it in early winter, or very early spring, will destroy part of them as well as numbers of the tarnished plant bug, which is particularly fond of potatoes.

Weevils in Peas and Beans

The pea weevil winters inside the seed pea in which it developed. Some time before planting time, fumigate the seed in an air-tight receptacle with bisulphide of carbon, using a tablespoonful of liquid for each cubic foot of space. For small quantities of seed, a half-gallon Mason fruit jar may be used, a scant half teaspoonful of carbon bisulphide being sufficient. The fumigating chamber should be kept closed for forty-eight hours. Seed so treated will grow and carry no living beetles to the garden.

The bean weevil has similar hibernating habits and may be treated the same way. Before planting, throw seed into water and burn all floating beans, as they are unfit for seed.

AN ALL-SEASONS GARDEN

BY J. E. MORSE, MICHIGAN

If the instructions given for making hotbeds have been carefully followed they will now be ready to receive seeds or plants. It is better to put the top-layer of soil on the heating layer of manure a few days before seed-sowing as much of its weed seed will thus germinate and may be destroyed by the heat and by stirring the soil before sowing vegetable seeds. The first rank heat of the hotbed would destroy seeds or seedlings. When the temperature settles to about 90° it is safe to make sowings.

The bed should be watered often enough to prevent the beds from becoming dry. It is better to soak the soil thoroughly than to merely moisten the surface. Do the watering in the late afternoon unless the weather is cloudy. The soil should be stirred, as it dries out after watering, to prevent crusting which seriously retards plant growth.

Airing is an important matter and requires constant attention, especially on sunny days.

The detail of successfully managing a hotbed must be learned by experience. Full details of the work are given in The Vegetable Garden, a little book published by the Vick Publishing Company, and which will be mailed to any one on receipt of twenty-five cents.

Soil Preparation

In fitting the garden soil for crops it pays to use plenty of fertilizer and the best for all purposes is stable manure. This is usually available on farms, but not always around village and suburban homes. It is a profitable investment if purchased. It is well to supplement the manure with wood ashes, poultry droppings, or commercial fertilizers, which ought always to be applied as a top dressing. Fit the ground thoroughly, for the crop well put in is half grown.

Vegetables All The Time

With the help of the table given on page ten it will not be difficult to have them.

Keep vegetables growing in succession so that no ground will go to waste. Tomatoes, early cabbage, lettuce, early cucumbers, egg plant and peppers should be started in the hotbed. When permanent beds of asparagus, rhubarb, etc.,



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The flesh of the Irondequoit Melon is fragrant and fruit-like.

Muskmelon Fruits

BY LEONARD GILBERT

When the late frosts kill our fruit buds, and the peach crop is cut short by the almost every year,—we try to make up for the shortage by planting an extra allowance of muskmelon seeds.

The muskmelon ought to be classed as a fruit; it has all the fruit qualities and nothing is more delicious for summer morning breakfasts, or all through summer days than a half-section of a muskmelon filled with cracked ice.

We like the Rocky Ford melon, and a good one for all purposes is the Irondequoit, new as yet, but one of the best we have ever tried. Its flesh is thick, sweet and fragrant, with all the fruit-like qualities. It bears melons thickly along the stems, so thickly you would not think it could ripen them all well, but it does, and the vines do not die out in hot weather like some other sorts. The melons are of perfect shape and their orange flesh is rich and spicy.

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Questions and Comments From Our Readers

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About Flowers

To Make Callas Bloom.

How shall I make my calla bloom?—H. J. U.

When warm weather comes turn the pot on its side under a tree and thoroughly ripen the root by drying out the soil and allowing the plant to remain dormant for several months. When repotted in fresh soil buds will usually show their white, creamy spathies among the first leaves.

The Orris-root Iris.

How is iris grown and treated for making orris-root powder?—Mrs. E. S. R.

The process, which is quite a lengthy one, will be detailed in our series on "Ways of Earning Money," soon to begin in these pages.

Primroses and Cinerarias.

To succeed best with primroses shall I buy seeds or plants?—E. J. N.

If you are a novice buy plants in the fall or early winter, and keep them in the sunny window of a cool room that can be kept above freezing point. Be careful that the crown of plant is not covered with soil and that the drainage of the pot is good. Wet the leaves only enough to clean them, applying the rest of the needed water at the root. Meantime you can experiment with growing plants from seed this summer; treating them as advised in the article on seed sowing on page 12 of the February number, but setting the box in a cool, shaded situation and protecting it from beating rains. Transplant the little seedlings carefully on the wet point of a lead pencil as soon as they have three leaves. Be careful always to pot primroses firmly, yet without covering their crowns. It is better to grow or to buy fresh plants every year than to try keeping the old ones over the summer.

How shall I secure good cineraria plants?—E. J. N.

Either sow the seed in August, as advised for primroses, above, or buy the plants in fall or winter. The latter method is the least trouble, but also the least interesting. The two plants enjoy similar treatment.

To Kill Wire Worms.

What is the best way to kill white wire worms in the soil?—M. A. L.

Use weak lime water about once a week as long as they are troublesome, for all except azaleas. For these I use tobacco water. A correspondent gives another remedy below.

Schoolroom Plants.

What are the best plants for a schoolroom?—A. P.

For sunny windows, Holland bulbs, geraniums, nasturtiums, scarlet salvia, tradescantias; for shaded ones farfugium, aspidistras, rubber plants, and some of the tender shrubs, as justicias, libonias and bouvardias.

Suggestions and Comments.

To Freshen Drooping Flowers.

To revive cut flowers that have wilted, plunge the stems in boiling water a short time, then remove, cut off the ends of stems that were in the water, place the flowers in cold water and they will look as fresh as when first cut.—M. R.

Nicotiana Sylvestris.

Mrs. Danske Dandridge, in the June magazine, doubts that this plant can be grown to blooming size from the seed in one season, but there is no difficulty in doing it; I did it last year. Seed was sown in mid-April and set in open ground after danger from frost was over. The plants grew four

to five feet tall, with larger leaves, it seems to me, than Mrs. D's., and with hundreds of the white, long tubed flowers. The roots of *Nicotiana affinis* can be kept over winter along with dahlias and daturas and set out the next year. From the appearance of the root of *N. Sylvestris* I suspect that this, too, is perennial. I meant to try it last fall but a freeze got the start of me.—E. S. GILBERT, N. Y.

Another Remedy for White Worms.

A never-failing remedy for white worms in the soil is to mix earth and sand for potting purposes, put in baking pan, set in oven and heat until it is too hot to hold your hand in; stir occasionally, then pour out on papers to get cool before putting plants in it. Thus you will not be troubled with plant pests of any kind that hatch in the soil. I know some advocate that heating kills the soil. I will admit that you can heat it too hot, the same as in baking bread. We need to use judgment in any thing we undertake. I have healthy plants in bloom now and have had no plant pests of any kind. Occasionally, on wash days, save suds in a tub until cool. Set your flower pots in the tub and give them a good bath, so that they can breathe. No house plant is a success when covered with dust.

MRS. JENNIE BELL, ILL.

How to Grow Sweet Herbs.

Please tell me how to grow the mints and kitchen herbs.—M. Q.

A woman who grows them for profit will tell her method in our April number.

How to Heat Forcing Beds.

How is the heating layer managed in a hot or forcing bed?—J. M. K.

The best heating material is fresh stable manure. It should carry about its own bulk of straw, and requires frequent forking over to prevent burning. When filling the bed care must be taken to tramp the manure thoroughly and evenly, so that the whole surface shall settle uniformly. The greater the body of heating material, the more even the temperature, and the longer it can be kept up. About eight inches should be allowed between the glass and manure, for plants—pace and soil. Divide this about evenly and the decaying mass will settle sufficiently to provide more space for the plants as they increase in size. Fresh manure should be closely banked around the outside of the bed from the ground surface to the top of the box.

This work should be done a few days previous to putting on the soil, so that the mass shall become

thoroughly heated. The beds must, of course, be covered with glass during this process. If the heat starts slowly throw on a few pails of water. It is better also to put on the soil a few days previous to seed sowing, so much of the weed seed in it will be killed by the first fierce heat of the bed.—J. E. M. MICH.

Vegetable Kinds and Quantities

What are the best kinds of vegetables to supply a succession for the family garden all summer, and in how large quantities should they be purchased for an average family.

We also wish some vegetables to put up for winter and some berries.—W. M.

The following list can be simplified by eliminating sorts not desired but, of course, at the expense of continuous supply and variety.

Asparagus—See article on page 10	Lavender	1 packet
Cauliflower	Sage	1 packet
Carrot, early and late	Seakale	1 ounce
each	Parsley	1 ounce
Celery	Parsnip	1/2 pound
Celeriac	Pepper	1 packet
Cucumbers, Late and Early, each	Peas, Extra Early, Medium and Late, each	2 qts
Corn, Early	Radish, Globe and Long,	1 ounce
Corn, Medium	each	1 ounce
Corn, Late	Radish, Winter	1 ounce
Endive	Rhubarb roots	25
Eggplant	Spinach	1/2 pound
Kohlrabi	Satisfy	2 ounces
Lettuce	Squash, Early	1 ounce
Muskmelon	Squash, Winter	1 ounce
Watermelon	Tomatoes, Early and Late, each	1 packet
Prizetaker onion	1/2 lb. Turnips, Early and Late,	1 ounce
Onion sets	1 quart each	1 ounce
Pickling onion seed	1 oz. Potatoes	1/2 bushel
Beets, Early and Late,	each	2 ounces
Cress, (upland)	1 ounce Raspberry plants, red	75
Chicory	1 ounce Raspberry "black	50
Dill	1 packet Pie pumpkin	1 ounce

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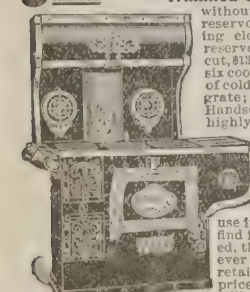
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Little Children's Gardens

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manure together. Place a piece of broke earthenware in the bottom of the pot for drainage, then fill the pot about one-third full of the mixed soil; then holding the plant in the left hand so that it is in the center of the pot, fill evenly on all sides; press down firmly but not too hard, thump the pot on the bench or table to settle the soil; take it to the window garden and sprinkle it, placing it in partial shade for a day or two. Nearly all seeds can be planted and potted in this way. For taking cuttings to root in the window select the younger growth of the plants, where the shoots are pretty well matured, so that they are not too soft. The tops of shoots generally make the best cuttings. Cut them two or three inches long, trim off the large side leaves; they should then be inserted in clean, sharp sand at least half their length and wet thoroughly. A deep plate or shallow dish containing about two inches of sand can be used. This can be placed on or on the back of the stove at night. The cuttings should be kept moist, not allowed to dry up, nor should they be overwatered. Bottom heat stimulates root development.

Plans for Children's Gardens

The idea in child gardens is not merely to interest them in plants, but to teach them how to make the most of a given space. The rule of keeping a crop constantly upon the ground is as important in the management of flower gardens as it is in those grown for profit.

The rectangular form of the picture on page eleven is satisfactory for a child's individual home or school garden. It is most economical of space and if the gardens are not more than five feet wide the rows can be planted crosswise of the area and all cultivation given by the student from the walks and alleys without tramping upon the soil of the garden proper. The plan of a garden five feet wide and sixteen and one-half feet long is shown in the picture and with flowers, fruits and vegetables combined.

The children are always very impatient for springtime. To get out and "dig garden" as soon as the ground is dry enough is a great delight to them. How eagerly they delve in the mellowing soil, "breaking up ground" and sowing seeds. The window-boxes in which seeds and cuttings are starting are very closely watched.

The sturdy little quick-sprouting radish seeds are their favorites. Sometimes they will become interested enough to keep little garden diaries. One child wrote in her little book, made of brown paper, and scrawled over with pencil words and drawings: "March 3rd,—Johnny and I sowed radish seeds in our boxes in the window. They were fat, plump little seeds with pinky brown cheeks."

"March 7th,—The radishes are up"—a crude drawing of a seedling radish—"Their stout, short stems have two broad wavy-notched leaves on top. I like to grow radishes because they come up so quickly."

Further entries show that when the radishes were large enough the children had a radish party, with radishes and salt for refreshments. We are told that it did not agree with the dolls, but that the children had a fine time. This reminds me of how madly "Elizabeth" used to dance her German babies round a pillar in the drawing-room that a similar banquet might not have dire results for them!

Records of the work done by children in school gardens become more enthusiastic every year. Each school has its own problems and plans of this sort, with various solutions. In some of the schools the cooking classes put the fruits and vegetables to practical uses; by canning or preserving them and selling them at fairs for the benefit of the Teachers' Mutual Fund.

Some Helpful Books for Young Gardeners

One of the best of these is "Mary's Garden and How it Grew," published by The Century Co., of New York, in which

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Heart Talks

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able things men have to put up with in their daily work; but they do not have the little petty cares and worries that make a woman nervous. If men were to enter their homes quietly, and, should they find any little thing awry, would just straighten it without saying a word, or perhaps make some half-joking remark about it, they might avoid many a family dispute.

It is generally some little trifling thing that causes little quarrels, and soon it becomes a habit to quarrel. Be just as considerate to your wife as you expect her to be towards you. Thus things will go along a great deal more smoothly, and the example to the children will be invaluable.

But do help to teach the children tidiness, for one untidy child can keep two or three mothers busy picking up after it. Men are physically stronger than women and not so liable to "nerves," and they should take a larger and more tolerant view of things than to lose their tempers about trifles. Remember, with a woman it is nerves, but with a man it is temper. Sometimes I think the poor men have "nerves" as well! Mutual forbearance is the keynote of harmony in a household, for we are none of us perfect; one side is just as likely to be wrong as the other. At any rate, in order to avoid a quarrel, it is best sometimes to say nothing, "for the beginning of strife is as when one letteth out water, therefore let alone contention before it be meddled with."

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A Tangled Web

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kept her eyes steadily averted, just as if he were unworthy to receive the slightest notice.

He was not especially vain; he knew he had a remarkable face, and he also knew that most women liked to look at him, except when his great dark eyes fixed themselves as they had fixed on the pretty village girl.

Miss Beaufort had something to say, and she did not care to be listened to by a stranger. She crossed the road, and came up to Patty.

"Patty, my father has a message to give you for your father; you had better come up to the parsonage."

Patty curtsied. She looked very demure and meek, but the color on her cheek grew deeper; it was too bad to have to make a curtsy to Miss Beaufort.

"Yes, ma'am; I'll not forget."

Nuna waited a moment to see if Patty would not follow her, and then she passed up the deeply-shadowed hill, her grey dress marking her slow progress.

Patty did not choose to follow Miss Beaufort; but she remembered propriety now, and she too began to move slowly towards the angle of the lane.

"Can you tell me if I am near a place called Ashton?"

Patty turned, and then she fingered her gown in such pretty modest confusion that Paul thought her more charming than ever.

"You've passed Ashton, sir—if you came down the lane, that's to say."

There was a little breadth of accent in her speech, but there was no marked provincial dialect—nothing that grated on his fastidious ears.

"What is she?" Paul thought. "Passed it, have I? Then it is beyond the other end of the lane, is it? Is that young lady going to Ashton?"

Patty glanced quickly at him, but he did not even turn to look after the young lady as he asked about her.

"Yes, sir"—her eyes fell again beneath Mr. Whitmore's—"Miss Nuna is going to Ashton Rectory."

"I thought you called her Miss Beaufort?"

"Yes, sir; Mr. Beaufort is our rector." The words dropped out as evenly as if they had been clipped; they were so very simple and childlike, that Paul looked at the girl involuntarily to make sure she was not acting.

No; her eyes drooped again timidly, and he fancied the flush a deepened on her cheeks.

"I was making a sketch of Miss Beaufort when you came up; would you like to look at it?"

He wanted to make her come nearer. She stood there like a bird on the wing; she might fly off in another moment, and leave no trace. Patty came up shyly. Her lustrous eyes kindled as she looked, and the scarlet lips parted, and showed glistening even teeth, firmly closed.

"How pretty! it's just like Miss Nuna; but there's no face, sir." There was a question in her eyes.

"Well, no." Paul felt guilty in having admired Miss Beaufort at all when he looked at Patty. "I fancy Miss Beaufort's face is her least beauty."

"Some people think her very pretty," and Patty tossed her head. She did not want this gentleman to admire Miss Beaufort, and yet she was not sure how far good manners would permit her to depreciate her.

"Do they?" He looked full into Patty's eyes, and down went the long curved lashes. "I don't admire their taste, then. I want you to tell me something; how is it you manage to keep free from tan and freckles?"

"I wear a sun-bonnet," said Patty simply.

"She is absurdly innocent," said Paul; "she has no idea what a lovely little creature she is!" Then he went on:

"A sun-bonnet oh, you mean one of those great curious things which perch upon the top of the head. If you had your sun-bonnet now, I could put you in my sketch. I'm afraid it would trouble you too much to get it."

"Oh no, sir"—Patty blushed more bewitchingly still—"Father's cottage is

only just around that corner; I'll run and fetch it."

"I'll go with you," and he walked on by her side. "I wonder," he thought, "what Stephen Pritchard would say if he saw me now? Think of his not knowing about such a creature as this! Perhaps he does, sly dog, and that was why he talked of Miss Beaufort, to put me off the scent. I know he said his cousin, Will Bright, was making up to the Rector's daughter."

They had just reached the angle of the lane at the foot of the hill, when they came face to face with a gentleman. He looked like a fretful invalid, and he also looked like a clergyman. Patty started away from the artist's side as she saw him.

The clergyman stopped; he looked grave, and there was a rebuking tone in his voice as he spoke to Patty.

"Good day, Martha. I have just been round to look for your father; he'd not come back?"

"He'll not be back yet, sir, for a day or so."

The clergyman glanced at Paul; he wanted him to move on, but Mr. Whitmore had no mind to be parted from his companion.

"Oh, indeed!" Mr. Beaufort's light blue eyes moved restlessly, and his pale lips twitched with impatience. "Well, then, whenever he does come home send him up to the Rectory at once; I have some very special family news to communicate to him, and the sooner he knows it the better."

"What can it be about?" mused Patty aloud, forgetting Paul for the moment, and following the rector with her eyes. "He might have told me what it was about, I think! I am no longer a child, and it is likely to concern me more than father. Are we to lose all our kinspeople in an epidemic? Will they all or any of them leave us any money? How am I ever to bear the suspense of it until father comes back from attending to that other piece of 'very special family news?'"

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The Attic

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able. Bound with left-overs of mohair skirt-bindings, making a loop at one corner, they are not only neat, but can be hung up so as to be always in place. Three or four behind the kitchen stove, and two about each grate, or heater, are not too many. Even with a gas range, they will prevent many burns—and "swears."

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The careful housewife who keeps one eye open for cobwebs can make a broom do double service by making several removable bags of two or three thicknesses of stocking legs with a draw-string at the top, to cover the broom. Besides removing cobwebs, she can sweep smoke and soot from walls and ceilings without fear of streaks from the broom-straws. If this is done once a month or so, the housecleaning in the spring will be a comparatively small matter. As soon as the bag becomes soiled, it should be changed, even if two or three are required for each room.

For floor-cloths, dust-cloths, etc., two or three thicknesses of knit stuff quilted together are unequalled. Old knit underwear is also very superior for such purposes. For bath-cloths, the corners out of old gingham aprons are surprisingly comfortable.

White lace hose are often "footed" even twice; but when they have entirely outlived their usefulness as hose, two thicknesses of their material, quilted together, make excellent wash-cloths which, with a frill of lace or a crocheted edge, are really dainty.

Quite fine lace, or embroidered hose of white or delicate tints, can be made to serve a more dignified purpose. They make exquisite little chemisettes and crush collars for open waists; but not one particle of the plain part must show, lest its identity be disclosed.

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seem the most utterly useless of all pieces of outcast furniture. They are unsightly, unsafe, unsatisfactory. No amount of "tinkering" can make them otherwise,—as rockers. But, with the backs, arms and rockers cut away, they can be made into the most useful of low stools for bedrooms, upper halls, and bathrooms.

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with carpet, denim, canvas, ends of heavy curtains, or even a good corner of an old heavy dress or coat, past service.

However, if the pieces of your heavy curtains are large enough, you may better save them for a window-seat that we intend covering next month.

YOUR WINTER FUR

may look really worn in the atmosphere of spring promise now prevailing all things, but it will be needed many weeks yet. Boas of chiffon are a snare and a delusion for utility, and those of lace are little better; therefore, clean your faithful fur. Buy a gallon of gasoline, but on no account use gasoline indoors. Choose a pretty, warm morning to squeeze and churn the fur through several washings of gasoline, then hang it out doors to drain and evaporate. At first it will look like a poor drowned kitten, but after it is dry and brushed, the fur will look like new.

Or an even better way, and one used by professional furriers, is to use hot corn-meal or oatmeal, rubbing it thoroughly into the fur, then shaking and brushing it out. Repeat until the fur is clean. If light fur, be very careful not to scorch the meal.

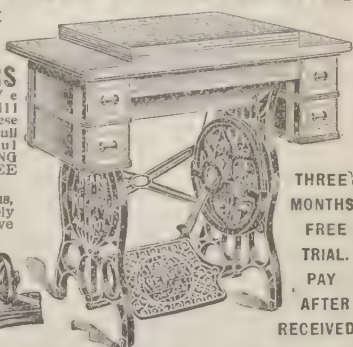
The worn edge next to the neck can be concealed entirely by being tucked in side and the folded edges can be whipped together with strong thread, being very careful not to catch the hairs of the fur in the stitches. If the tails or fringe are worn, take them off entirely and gather on a scant flounce of heavy yellow or ecru lace from four to seven inches deep. A bunch of deep purple violets, not too large, fastened on at the bust with a steel buckle, knot, or bunch of ends and loops of ribbon, white or violet, and perhaps a jabot of a half-yard of lace at the closing at the neck, will make it appear more in keeping with the season.

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The Childhood of Ji-Shib

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snare, I think," Ki-niw answered without a smile.

"A partridge snare, what is that!" said the beaver, and down he dived under the water, splashing it all over his mother with his tail as he went under. He swam up stream and got among the rushes near the shore, where he looked out and listened. Scarcely had he raised his head when he heard the faintest little cry.

Then the Squaw came out of the forest and straight down the river bank to the water's edge. There she stooped down and opened her arms and out of the folds of her buckskin garments she brought a tiny Indian babe. How rosy and soft and beautiful it was, and how gently the mother bathed it in the cold fresh water as though she thought it would break; and now the little beaver was not afraid any longer but wanted to touch the tiny thing with his warm soft fur.

As the happy Squaw laid the naked babe next to her warm mother's breast and folded it about with her garments and started to walk away the beaver heard her sing this pretty song:

"O my little Blue Bird,
O my little Blue Bird,
Mother knew that you would come,
Mother knew that you would come.
When the ice lets go the river,
When the wild-geese come again,
When the sugar-maple swells,
When the maple swells its buds,
Then the little blue birds come,
Then my little Blue Bird came."

The young beaver had never heard anything one half so sweet. He had never seen anything one half so beautiful as that Babe. He forgot that he was a beaver, and came right out of the water and listened and looked and trembled with joy.

As the Squaw came near Ki-niw, her husband, she stopped singing, and said, "My husband, I have brought you an Ojibwa warrior." When Ki-niw heard this he arose from his seat and turned and looked at her and went to meet her. Together they lifted the garments from her breast and peeped in at the new-born babe. "Yes, I see you have," he said. He gently covered up the babe again, and took the Squaw's face in his hands and kissed her. Then he stooped down and lifted onto his own strong back both his pack of pemmican and hers, and side by side they started around the dam.

But Ki-niw heard a slight noise behind him, and whirling around saw the little beaver almost at his feet. "Tang whist," he hissed his arrow.

As A-mi-kons walked after the Squaw he was humming to himself:

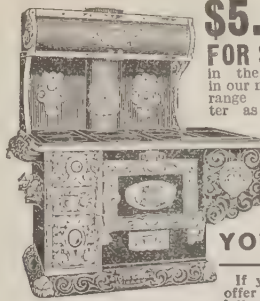
"O my little Blue Bird,
O my little Blue Bird,
Mother knew that you would come,
Mother knew that you would come.
When the ice lets go the river,
When the wild-geese come again,
When the sugar-maple swells,"

and he scarcely heard the hissing of Ki-niw's arrow,—but suddenly he felt sick. It grew dark, he could scarcely breathe; he thought that he had



fainted, or any way he must be asleep. But it grew light again, and O! his Father, the Sun, was so warm and close to him; and the beaver hummed with perfect joy this little song:

When the sugar-maple swells,
Then the little blue birds come.
Yes, my little Blue Bird,
I have come, A-mi-kons has come."



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Thus the beaver had become the companion of the little babe whose name was soon to be Ji-shib'.

*The world of Things does not mean to the Indian what it means to us. It is difficult, almost impossible, for him to differentiate himself from the other, so-called, lower animals. He and they both had the same ancestors long, long ago. One myth says, "Many, many Winters ago there were many buffalo; after four days a part of the buffalo turned to Indians." In some things the Indian believes himself superior to the animals, while in many things he as truly believes himself inferior to them. This is a true story, that is, it is all true to the Ojibwa child,—he believes it. The story is written with no other thought than to have constantly in mind what the Ojibwa child believes about the events of his everyday life as given in the story. And the following incidents are taken directly from the common life of the tribe.

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HOME REMEDIES

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of sugar, and one-half a cup of water, or one cup of extracted honey. Simmer slowly till juice is extracted from the onions, and strain. There should be two ounces of syrup. To this add one-fourth teaspoonful each of powdered alum and borax mixed, wine of ipecac, listerine, butter, (melted), and one teaspoonful of honey or molasses; use sugar in making syrup. Dose: For six months child one-half teaspoonful. For older children, increase the dose. For severe cases, as in croup, give large doses of this with from ten to thirty drops of wine of ipecac.—A. N.

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Remedies for Corns

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A Little Boy's Thoughts.

I thought when I had learned my letters, That all my troubles were o'er; But I find myself mistaken; They have only just begun. Learning to read was awful, But nothing like learning to write. I'd be sorry to have you know it— But my copy book is a sight!

The ink gets over my fingers, The pen cuts all sorts of shins, And won't do at all as I bid it, The letters won't stay on the lines But go up and down all over As though they were dancing a jig; They are there in all shapes and sizes— Medium, little and big.

The tails of the g's are so contrary, The handles get on the wrong side Of the d's and q's and the h's, Though I've certainly tried, and tried To make them look just right. It is dreadful!

I really don't know what to do; I'm getting almost distracted— My teacher says she is, too.

There'd be some comfort in learning If one could get through; instead Of that, there are books waiting Quite enough to craze my head. There's the multiplication table, And grammar, and oh! dear me! There's no good place for stopping When one has begun, I see.

My teacher says, little by little To the mountain tops we climb; It isn't all done in a minute, But only a step at a time. She says that all the scholars, All the wise and learned men, Had each to begin as I do;— If that's so, where's my pen?

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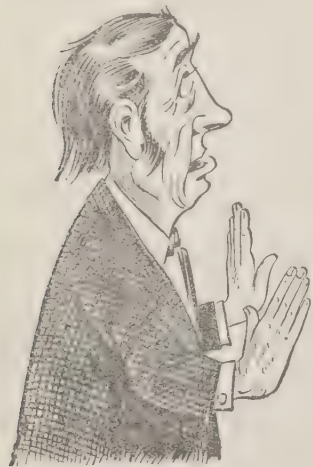
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Raising Strawberries

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All the work about the bed is now done until the next spring, when the plants must be kept free from weeds until the bearing season is over. The berries begin to ripen about the first of May and last until the middle of June. The earliest berries to ripen of course bring the highest prices. When fall comes you will find that your plants have multiplied so fast that your first fifty slips have grown to several hundred; and that you must enlarge your field or dispose of the surplus runners. It would be better to enlarge your field, though, if you do not care to do this, you can readily sell the young plants at twenty-five cents a dozen.

The second year you will need help in picking your crop of berries. This will cost you only one cent a quart and is money well spent. The berries must not be picked while the dew is on them, neither must they be pulled from the stem. Instead, they must be pinched off with a short stem. This keeps them fresh a long time, and where they are to be shipped, this is an important item in its effect on the returns.

Another season and it will pay you to have a rough shelter built in the berry field; and to make this your headquarters to receive and measure berries, and to keep an account of the work done by the pickers. For it is a crop that increases with value every year.

Your profits of the second year will treble those of the first. For pin money I would advise selling all surplus plants, but if you have gone into the work as a money-making occupation, then get more ground and plant larger crops.

Teach Your Daughter.

Teach her that one hundred cents make a dollar.

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Teach her to have a place for everything and to put everything in its place. Teach her to pay regard to the character of those she would associate with and not how much money they have.

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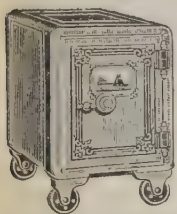
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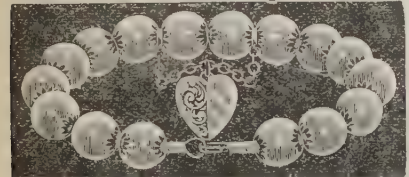
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The Glad Season of Skates

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several places. Those feet that I had taken care of all my life to act so ungrateful! I now arose, and smote the ice as the feet shot out in different directions. I have even forgotten how to fall. I come down like a pile-driver and jar my front teeth.

A skate has pulled off. If I had the old honest kind of skates I would show these mocking kids. They should be fed to the bears. I sit about half an hour on the ice trying to coax that skate to take hold. But when I arise I fail to arise. There is a horrid ripping sound somewhere in my raiment that means I have frozen fast; and must take the pond along with me when I arise. A parcel of the tormentors looms up to help. "Go away jailbirds, villains! I want to sit here and meditate."

I might have been out there meditating until the spring thaw, but the last fall had made stary fractures that pretty soon spread. The chunk of ice I was sitting upon went down into the coldest water I have ever met.

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And maybe—and maybe we'll come
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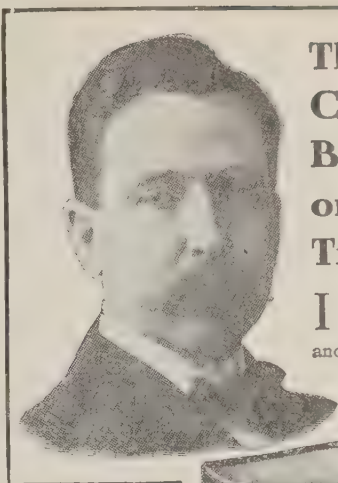
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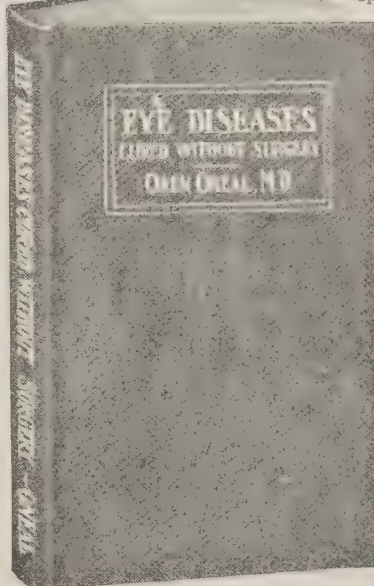
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Hot water will take out every kind of fruit stain. Pour the water on the discolored parts before washing, and the tablecloth, or whatever it may be, will come back as good as new.

Salt-water is preferable for cleaning bamboo furniture, as it prevents it from turning yellow, and is also good for wiping Chinese or Indian matting.

Clean plaster ornaments, vases, etc., with clear starch mixed with water. When dry, brush off.

When pouring hot fruit into a glass dish place the latter on a wet cloth. This prevents any chance of the glass breaking.

When bottling pickles or ketchup it is a good plan to boil the corks, and while hot press them tightly into the bottles, so that when they are cold they are tightly sealed.

After cleaning cabinet or other kitchen furniture, when water has to be used, rub surface with soft paper to make it shine.—N. V.

To Polish Tinware—Take sassafras bark, dry thoroughly, pulverize it to a fine powder and apply with a woolen rag that has been moistened. It can be used for brightening any other metallic substance.—J. S.

To Clean the Bread Board—Instead of washing the bread board every time you use it, try my plan. Take a pancake turner and scrape the flour and dough all off the board. You will find that the board can be made almost as white and clean as if you had washed it, and it is so much quicker to clean it that way.—I. S.

To Mend Agateware—A quick and easy way to mend agateware is simply to cover the hole with putty. You can use the vessel almost as soon as mended.—G. T. A.

Stove Polish—My stove had become rusty and I could not make the blacking stick. I took a cup of cold coffee and added one tablespoonful of laundry soap shaved, one tablespoonful of coal oil, and shaved in blacking to make it as thick as cream. I set it on the stove and let it come to a boil, then used it on the stove while quite warm. It gave a nice luster and did not brush off.—E. C. W.

Kitchen Holders—Good holders to be used in the kitchen may be made from old stocking legs. Fold them several times, stitch around the outer edge, put loops on them and hang near the range. They will be found very useful when baking or handling hot kettles, etc.

Scalding Brooms in the hot suds on wash day will help to keep them straight and will also make them last longer.

Matting may be kept from coloring by cleaning it occasionally in salt and water.—I. B. D.

To Roast Meat Quickly—When delayed in getting the oven hot for roasts, I prepare meat ready for oven, then place it on top of range, brown on both sides, place in oven and finish as usual. I remove all surplus fat from pork and beef roasts, place on tin plate in oven and use for shortening. This is much more wholesome than lard. I remove fat and skin from mutton and use as fuel when I want a quick fire.—R. McK.

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Clever Ways of Doing Things

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Egg Shells for Hens—Egg shells are much relished by the hens in winter, and it is a good plan to keep a bag handy, dry all egg shells and drop in. Then when you feed the fowls, scatter some through the food. The old shells help to make shells for the new eggs.—E. N.

With Needle and Thread.

To Fold Straight Hems—Having a great many napkins to hem by hand and finding it hard to get my hems quite even, I tried the plan of taking the needle out of the machine and putting on the fine hemmer and running the napkins through as if sewing. The plan works nicely and saves much time, besides making the hems perfectly even.—T. McC.

To String Beads—When you wish to string beads wet the end of the thread in thick gum arabic or white of egg, roll till nicely pointed, dry and see how easily you can work.—M. F.

To Mend Overalls—When the men's overalls, or work trousers, begin to wear out at the knees, rip them up the seam and you can sew the patch on with the machine on the wrong side. Put on a big one from below the knee up to as far as they are apt to wear through and you will not need to do it over again. It looks better too, than when done by hand and takes only a few minutes. Sew up the seam again and finish on the right side by hand. All this can be done in just a little while.—O. B.

Ten Uses for Flour Sacks.

I live on a ranch where everything is purchased in large quantities, and how the sacks do pile up!

Once a year, in the fall, I spend a week or so in using them up. As fast as they are emptied the sacks are washed, bleached and ironed. There are the big rolled-oat sacks, which hold ninety-eight pounds and are very heavy muslin. The 100-pound flour sacks are a medium muslin, while the fifty-pound sacks are a little lighter. The twenty-five-pound graham, cornmeal and rice sacks are very fine muslin. The inside sugar sacks are a very fine grade of cheesecloth. I buy a dairy salt that comes in forty-pound sacks of pure Irish linen crash.

This fall I hemmed twelve fifty-pound sacks for tea towels. Two sugar sacks were quartered and hemmed to use over the milk strainer. From eight of the 100-pound flour sacks I made two petticoats, cut gored, with a deep flounce. From two cheesecloth sacks I made a baby quilt, tying it with pink silkateen, buttonholing the edge with the same, and then crocheting scallops around it. From a lot of the twenty-pound sacks I made four pillow cases with ruffles around the edges. The sacks that were torn were laid aside for linings. I also made six kitchen aprons, with bibs, from the large flour sacks. From the two linen sacks I made two centerpieces, one with a hemstitched hem and drawn work, and the other a round one with a fancy scal-

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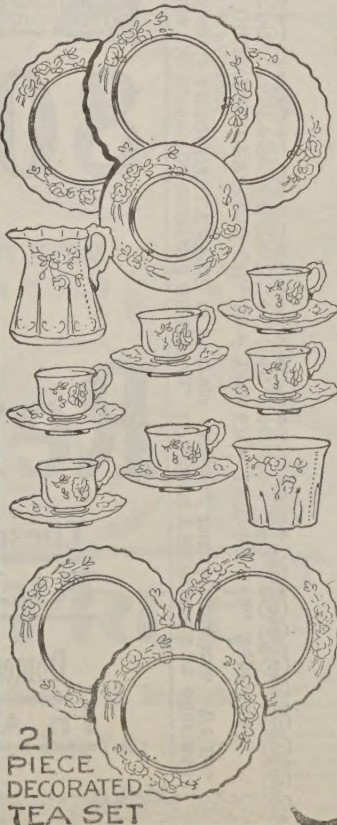
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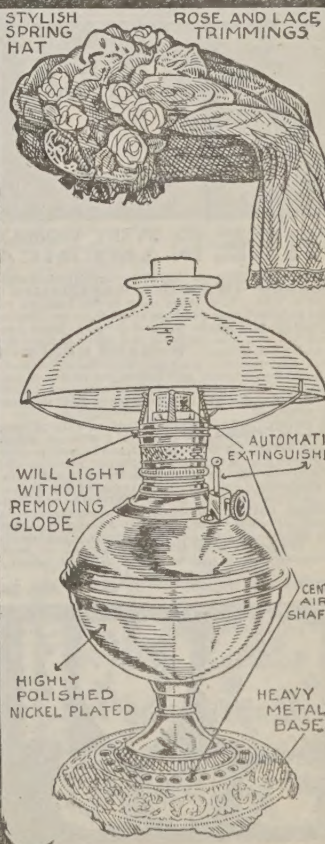
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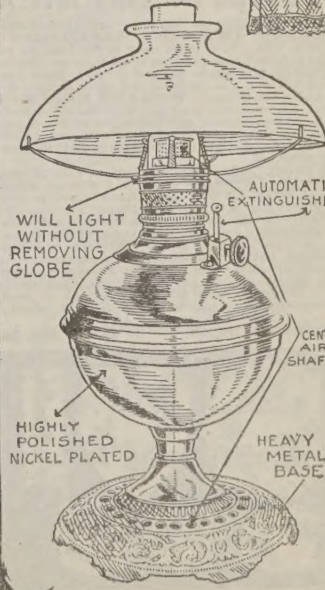


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I wash and iron four fine heavy burlap sacks, sew them together by the ends, like a roller towel, and then stitch the edges together over a clothesline, leaving eight feet of the line at each end, and have a servicable hammock.
Eight of these same sacks can be sewed to form a tick for a hay mattress for the hired men's bed.—M. L.

Good House Aprons.—I use flour sacks for my every-day aprons. They are cheap and easily washed, as they can be boiled, and they are good for afternoon aprons, too. One always looks neat in a white apron and they are so much nicer to cook in than colored aprons. They can be made different ways. I have ruffles on mine, and always have a supply on hand, so that when one gets dirty I can put on a clean one.

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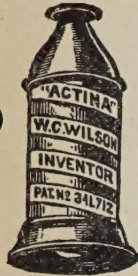
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A Kitchen Cabinet—You are lucky if you have an old chest of drawers and some old bookshelves. Put them in the kitchen as near the stove as possible, setting the shelves on top of the bureau. Put on one or two coats of varnish and cover the top of the drawers with enameled cloth of any desired color. On the shelves put the tea caddy, coffee jar, box of cocoa, salt, pepper, spices, and every thing you want to use when cooking, and there it is right at hand to save steps. In the upper drawer keep kitchen knives and forks, spoons and all small articles used in the preparation of a meal. In the next one put roller and dish towels, also cook books. The third drawer reserve for twine, paper bags, scissors, a few tacks and a hammer.—M. A. H.

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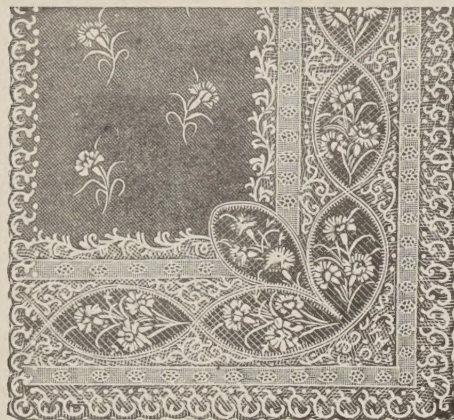
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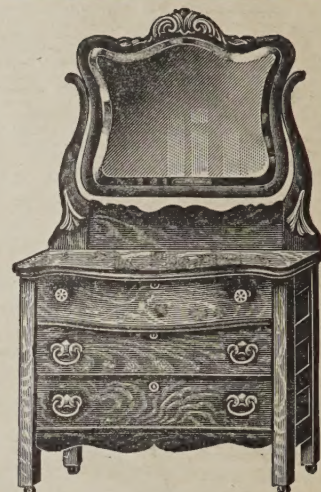
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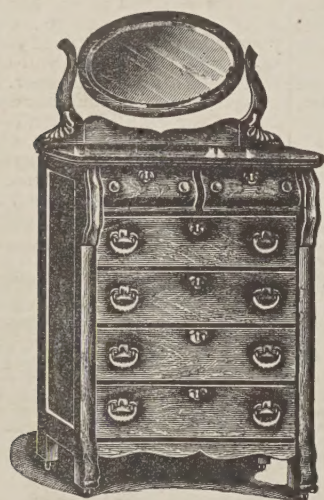
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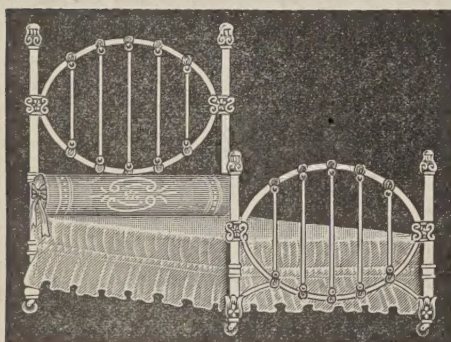
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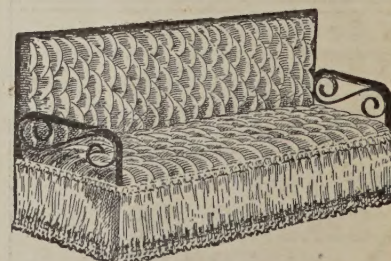
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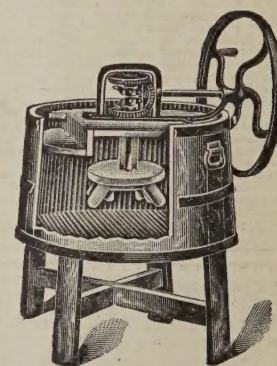
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